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PROCEEDINGS OF
GRAND CHAPTER
OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF ALBERTA

1923





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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1923 less 1,118 equal to 805.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1923 and 1913 equal to 3,836.

Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1923 and 4,000 equal to 5,923.

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AT THE

NINTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
1923

HELD IN

The City of Edmonton, Alberta

MARCH 14th and 15th, 1923



Yours Fraternally,

Geo. B. Ingham

Grand Z, 1922.

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Three

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Ninth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Convention of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of
Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 14th and 15th days of March,
A.D. 1923, A.I. 2453

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod.....	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. E. Comp. Wm. T. Coote.....	Grand H.	
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson.....	Grand J.	
R. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Grand Scribe E.	
R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee.....	Grand Scribe N.	
R. E. Comp. R. G. Thomson.....	Grand Prin. Sojourner	
R. E. Comp. R. C. Rankin.....	Grand Registrar	
V. E. Comp. Robert Evans.....	Grand Sen. Sojourner	
R. E. Comp. J. J. Green.....	Gd. Supt. District No. 1	
R. E. Comp. Geo. D. Wallace.....	Gd. Supt. District No. 2	
R. E. Comp. Wm. C. Black.....	Gd. Supt. District No. 3	
R. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Gd. Supt. District No. 4	
R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard.....	Gd. Supt. District No. 5	
R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop.....	Grand Lecturer	
V. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell.....	Grand Steward	
Comp. J. L. Johnston.....	Grand Janitor	

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.....	1914
M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson.....	1916
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey.....	1919
M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod.....	1920

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock.....	California
M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson.....	Canada
V. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott.....	Delaware
M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.....	Florida
R. E. Comp. Jos G. Morris.....	Idaho
R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop.....	Illinois
R. E. Comp. H. C. Taylor (Judge).....	Kansas
R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson.....	Louisiana
R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.....	Maine
R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer.....	Maryland
R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside.....	Massachusetts
R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan.....	Michigan
M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote.....	New Jersey
M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod.....	New York
R. E. Comp. Geo. S. Armstrong.....	Nova Scotia
R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee.....	Oregon
R. E. Comp. H. O. Haslam.....	Rhode Island
R. E. Comp. J. J. Green.....	South Carolina
M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod.....	Tennessee
R. E. Comp. R. C. Macdonald.....	Texas
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey.....	Vermont
R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson.....	Virginia
R. E. Comp. David McIntosh.....	Victoria
V. E. Comp. Percy Fielding.....	West Australia
R. E. Comp. W. J. Haynes.....	Wisconsin
V. E. Comp. J. A. R. Powell.....	Mississippi
R. E. Comp. F. E. Nichol.....	Wyoming

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Ninth Annual Convention of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10.00 o'clock a.m., March 14th.

R. E. Comp. J. J. Green, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were twenty-five warranted Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, and that twenty-four of these Chapters were represented by the following delegates:

Alberta, No. 1, Calgary

R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, Ex. Comp. E. F. Doolan, Ex. Comp. Frank Milne.

North Star, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, R. E. Comp. H. C. Taylor, R. E. Comp. W. A. Mahaffy, R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott, R. E. Comp. R. C. MacDonald, V. E. Comp. J. A. R. Powell, Ex. Comp. C. W. Coppock, Ex. Comp. H. G. Morris, Ex. Comp. Wm. Baxter.

Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat

Ex. Comp. N. M. Connor.

Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge

M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard, Ex.
Comp. J. B. McKerrow.

Golden West, No. 5, High River

Ex. Comp. W. B. Way.

Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

R. E. Comp. Geo. D. Wallace, Ex. Comp. F. B. Watson, Ex.
Comp. V. C. French, Ex. Comp. G. L. Gothard.

Bekah, No. 7, Macleod

Ex. Comp. S. Middleton, Ex. Comp. John Arthur.

Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, R. E.
Comp. J. R. Flan, Ex. Comp. F. V. Truesdale.

Bow River, No. 10, Gleichen

R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson.

Calgary, No. 11, Calgary

R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, R. E.
Comp. E. G. Ironside.

Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer

R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, Ex.
Comp. G. H. Best, Ex. Comp. G. F. Ely.

Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, R. E. Comp. D. McIntosh, R. E.
Comp. G. S. Armstrong, R. E. Comp. J. G. Morris, R. E. Comp. R. G.
Thomson, V. E. Comp. H. G. Jamieson, R. E. Comp. Wm. M. MacNab,
Ex. Comp. R. H. Johnston, Ex. Comp. Colin Allen.

Vermilion, No. 14, Vermilion

V. E. Comp. Percy Fielding, Ex. Comp. H. P. Long.

Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest

R. E. Comp. G. E. Cruickshank, V. E. Comp. Robt. Evans, Ex.
Comp. Geo. Pattinson

Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm

R. E. Comp. H. O. Haslam.

Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam

R. E. Comp. F. E. Nichol, R. E. Comp. W. J. Haynes.

Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. J. J. Green, Ex. Comp. Geo. W. Potter, Ex. Comp.
E. Ward, Ex. Comp. R. Carswell.

The Hiram, No. 19, Youngstown

R. E. Comp. J. A. Flan.

Banff, No. 20, Banff

R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside.

Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore

R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, R. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell, Ex. Comp.
John Taylor, Ex. Comp. G. H. Viccars.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury

R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee.

Coronation, No. 23, Coronation

Ex. Comp. F. M. Dillon.

Crescent, No. 24, Calgary

M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, R. E. Comp. R. C. Rankin.

Strathcona, U.D., Edmonton South

Ex. Comp. H. C. Neal.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. J. Green, seconded by R. E. Comp.
W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Credentials of
Representatives be received and adopted.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. granted permission for the ad-
mission of Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, as visitors.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

On motion of R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, seconded by E. Comp.
G. H. Viccars, it was

RESOLVED, That, as the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Con-
vocation, held in the City of Calgary, on the 8th day of March, 1922,
have been printed, and copies placed in the hands of the Chapters of
this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the
same be now confirmed.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

At this time, the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Companion Dr. R. B. Brett, was announced, and, upon being introduced, was received with the Grand Honors, and was welcomed by M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod. The Lieut.-Governor suitably replied.

Most Worshipful Brother F. S. Selwood, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was then announced, and was also accorded Grand Honors and cordially welcomed by the Grand First Principal. Grand Master Selwood thanked him, and assured Grand Chapter of the pleasure it afforded him to be present.

Grand Chapter was then called off, to allow His Worship Mayor Duggan, of Edmonton, to extend to the Officers and Members of Grand Chapter a welcome to the city. In a happy, thoughtful and interesting address, the Mayor extended the freedom of the city to the Companions. In the course of his speech, he not being a member of the Order, yet knowing something of the aims and ideals of Masonry, wondered if we, as an Order, were not too much occupied *within* our organization, instead of *outward*, and doing more to show the world at large, in these troublesome times, our influence for good.

Grand Chapter was again called to order, and the business proceeded with.



Address of the Grand First Principal

To the Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

My Dear Companions:

It is with much pleasure, at this the close of another year of our history, that I welcome you to the Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

As we approach the labors of this meeting of Grand Chapter may we, with reverential awe and loving hearts, return thanks to Almighty God for His many blessings during the past year, and seek new inspiration for our deliberations here and for the work we must carry on in the days to come.

In submitting to you the report of my stewardship for the past year, I do so in a spirit of humility, realizing the great opportunities for service, and knowing that so little has been accomplished.

It is only as one passes through the responsibilities of this high office that one realizes the opportunity for service and the advancement of truth and righteousness. It is possible to do so little in one short year, but one's effort, joined to the long chain of endeavor of those who have gone before, ever adds to the masonic structure.

At this time, I beg to thank you for the honor conferred upon me one year ago, in electing me to the highest office in your gift. I trust that the year that is closing has shown some advancement in our Masonic life.

I regret that the reports will not show greater gains in membership and in finances over last year. This, however, might be expected. I am well aware that these conditions of the Order are due to the difficult social and financial times through which we as a people have been passing.

I am not disappointed in the year's work, knowing well the conditions which many Chapters have had to face, and I am thankful that, in the large, they have been able to maintain their ground, and by strengthening their foundations have made it possible to make real progress in the days upon which we are entering.

During the year I granted permission for a petition to be circulated at Wainwright for a new Chapter. The companions there succeeded in obtaining sufficient names, and I had hopes that this would have developed into a new Chapter this year. There is sufficient scope in that district for a successful Chapter, but at the last moment it was decided to wait until spring.

Application was also received from Carbon for petition forms; these were forwarded to Comp. Braisher, of that town, but I have not received any report in the matter to date. The town of Trochu has also been mentioned as a possible location for a Chapter, and the town of Drumbeller has made definite application. It seems to me that

only one Chapter should be located in that territory at the present time. As the Grand Chapter year was drawing to a close, I decided to leave the matter open, in order that it might be dealt with by my successor in office.

I am glad to report that harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the past year. I have not been called upon to make any decisions as to the relations of the various Chapters.

It is with much pleasure that I have to report that the following companions have performed their duties as Grand Superintendents in a most efficient manner, and are entitled to their rank as Right Excellent Companion:—

- Rt. Ex. Comp. J. J. Green, District No. 1.
- Rt. Ex. Comp. Geo. D. Wallace, District No. 2.
- Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. C. Black, District No. 3.
- Rt. Ex. Comp. Jas. R. Flan, District No. 4.
- Rt. Ex. Comp. J. E. Rannard, District No. 5.

IN MEMORIAM

As we review the past year's work, we are again, as ever, saddened in the loss of loved companions, who have been called to prove their work before the Great Master of all.

It is appointed unto man once to die. All must pass that way, and, passing, all responsibility, all labor, must be laid aside, and one thing only remains, the greatest thing of all—Love, and that we bear with us into eternity.

We sympathize with our Sister Grand Chapters in the loss of so many eminent companions. Thirty-seven Past Grand High Priests and other Grand Officers having passed the veil of this life into a greater life beyond.

We mourn the loss of twenty-three of our own companions who passed from us during the year, yet we can say with all confidence—

O, Death, where is thy sting; O, Grave, where is thy victory?

We extend to the families of these companions our deepest sympathy. May the God of all grace comfort and strengthen them.

VISITATIONS

On the 21st April, I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 12, and had the pleasure of installing their officers. I was accompanied and assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Coote, Grand Second Principal. We had a most pleasant and successful evening. I found this Chapter in excellent condition.

On April 29th, I visited Capital City Chapter, No. 13, in company with R. E. Comp. J. J. Green, Grand District Superintendent for No. 1 District. Ex. Comp. MacNab was in the chair; work was put through in a most satisfactory manner.

I again visited this Chapter on the evening of May 12th and had the pleasure of installing R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Thomson as Grand Principal Sojourner of this Grand Chapter.

I again visited Capital City Chapter on the evening of September 8th, on the invitation of the Chapter, for the purpose of a presentation on behalf of the Chapter to R. Ex. Geo. S. Armstrong of a Past Grand Superintendent's Regalia. This duty was performed with much pleasure, R. Ex. Comp. Armstrong having been a most earnest and diligent officer during his year of office.

I paid another official visit to this Chapter on the evening of November 10th and witnessed their election of officers. Ex. Comp. MacNab was in the chair. This Chapter is in a most healthy condition, and making marked progress.

On the evening of June 8th, I visited Strathmore, in company with about twenty-five companions from the four Calgary Chapters; among these were R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, R. Ex. E. G. Ironside and R. Ex. Comp. J. R. Flan. Strathmore, No. 21, and Bow Valley, No. 10, had arranged a joint meeting. R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Bates, with a number of companions from Gleichen, joined us. We had a most interesting and instructive evening. R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Mercer conferred the Royal Arch Degree, and Bow Valley Chapter closed the Chapter in due form. After the work was completed, Strathmore Chapter entertained the visitors to a splendid supper, at which much useful discussion took place. This brought a most successful evening to a conclusion.

On October 11th, I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22. This was a very successful and pleasant meeting, the regular officers being present. The Royal Arch Degree was well demonstrated. There were about twenty-five Calgary companions present, who motored up during the evening; among these were R. Ex. Comp. John E. Johnson, Grand Third Principal, and R. Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Grand Scribe Ezra. After the work of the evening, we adjourned to the hotel, where a very pleasant time was enjoyed at supper and exchange of thought.

On November 22nd, a Chapter of Instruction for District No. 5 was held at Medicine Hat. I was joined there by M. Ex. Comp. Norman T. Macleod, R. Ex. Comp. Ironside, R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, Grand Lecturer, and many others. This was one of the best meetings I have ever had the pleasure of attending. I am grateful to Comp. Norman Macleod for his attendance, assistance and advice. Ex. Comp. Percy D. Stone was in the chair during the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree. The work was well done, and called for practically no criticism. There was a very good attendance, though not as many from outside points as we would have liked to have seen. There were, however, a considerable number present from Lethbridge and west. We completed the work in the early evening when we were entertained to a splendid dinner, after which the time was spent in speeches and programme.

The success of the day was due to the great kindness of the Medicine Hat companions, who so splendidly entertained us, and to the arrangements of the Chapter of Instruction by R. Ex. Comp. Rannard, under whose direction it was held.

During the day I had great pleasure in presenting to M. Ex. Comp. Norman T. Macleod, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, a set of Past Grand First Principal's Regalia, in acknowledgment of his services to this Grand Chapter, in having carried the responsibility of the office of Grand First Principal for two years, bearing the burden of the year 1921-22 in the absence of M. Ex. Comp. Darling. I am sure that every member of this Grand Body joins with me in the prayer that he may long be spared to enjoy the wearing of his regalia, and to advise and help in the work of this Grand Chapter.

On the 23rd November, the four Calgary Chapters held a joint Chapter of Instruction at the Alexander Corner, Calgary. This meeting was under the joint direction of R. Ex. Comp. Black and R. Ex. Comp. Flan, the two Grand District Superintendents. This meeting, I believe, reached high-water mark in Royal Arch meetings in this province. The hall was filled to capacity, nearly two hundred being present, and every elected officer of Grand Chapter, with one exception, that of the Grand Principal Sojourner. We also had the pleasure of having with us the Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, our much loved Companion Dr. A. S. Estey of Calgary, who was presented to the meeting by M. Ex. Comp. J. N. Rankin.

Ex. Comp. Jas. Cleave conferred the Royal Arch Degree in splendid manner, after which a very instructive discussion took place. The Chapter was then closed, and we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a splendid dinner was served, and the balance of the evening was spent in programme and speeches. I feel sure that every companion who was fortunate enough to be present at this meeting congratulated himself, and went away with a greater confidence in the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta.

On November 1st, I visited Norwood Chapter, No. 18, and assisted them with their election of officers. We afterwards enjoyed a splendid supper and spent the evening in discussion of the work and the future of the Order. Ex. Comp. Davis was in the chair.

On October 10th, I paid an official visit to North Star Chapter, No. 2. General business was carried on under the direction of Ex. Comp. Coppock, First Principal.

I again paid an official visit to this Chapter on January 9th, and presented, on behalf of the Chapter, to Ex. Comp. Coppock a Past First Principal's jewel in acknowledgment of his earnest work during the year just closed.

I also attended nearly all the meetings of this Chapter during the year, and am glad to report that this Chapter has been doing good work.

On the 21st February, 1923, a Chapter of Instruction for District No. 2 was held at Wetaskiwin, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. Geo. D. Wallace. There were present R. Ex. Comp. W. T. Coote, R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, and a number of companions from Edmonton. The attendance from the district generally was not as good as we could have desired, owing in large measure to the heavy snow on the line to the east. There was a good attendance of the Red Deer and the Wetaskiwin companions.

Work in the Mark Master Mason Degree was well exemplified by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. D. Wallace, with the assistance of the officers of Mount Horeb Chapter, of Wetaskiwin. The Most Excellent Master

Degree was conferred by R. Ex. Comp. Dunlop, assisted by Ex. Comp. MacNab of Capital City Chapter, and others. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was demonstrated by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Stevenson assisted by the officers of Keystone Chapter in their usual able manner.

After the work a very helpful discussion took place.

At the dinner hour we were entertained by the ladies of the Eastern Star of Wetaskiwin, and after the work of the evening was completed we were again entertained by the Wetaskiwin companions at supper. This was a most pleasant and profitable Chapter of Instruction.

On February 7th, I visited Strathcona Chapter, Under Dispensation. In the absence of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. R. H. Johnston, of Capital City Chapter, occupied the chair of First Principal. The Most Excellent Master Degree was well worked by the officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. Johnson.

I am pleased to say that this Chapter is making good progress, even in the face of great difficulty occasioned by the illness of the First Principal during part of the year. I am looking forward to real progress and success after they have received their charter. I have much pleasure in recommending that this be granted to them at this convocation of Grand Chapter.

On the evening of March 6th, I visited Bekah Chapter, No. 7, at Macleod. I was accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Norman T. Macleod and R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Rannard. There being no candidates available, no degree work was done.

I had the very great pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the Chapter, to M. Ex. Comp. Robt. Patterson, his Life Membership Script in acknowledgment of the love and appreciation in which his own Chapter holds him.

After a very helpful discussion of the work and conditions of the Order, we were entertained at supper by the companions, and a most successful evening was brought to a close.

On the evening of March 7th, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Norman Macleod, I visited Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, at Claresholm. This Chapter has had a great deal of discouragement during the past few months, but I am pleased to be able to report that the future looks very promising. Ex. Comp. Marsh has been elected First Principal, with Ex. Comp. Geo. Simpson Scribe Ezra. These Companions, with the assistance of such capable companions as Ex. Comp. Haslam, and others, will, I believe, bring this Chapter back to the position to which it belongs.

M. Ex. Comp. Norman Macleod installed the officers, and after a very helpful discussion as to future effort, and refreshments by the companions, the meeting was closed.

On the evening of March 8th, I visited Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, at Lethbridge. I was welcomed by M. Ex. Comp. Norman Macleod, R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Rannard and a large number of companions of the Chapter.

Ex. Comp. McKerrow, First Principal, presided. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred upon three candidates, the Ex. Third Principal, P. Cull, exemplifying the work in the most efficient

manner. After discussion, we were entertained by the Chapter to supper, when speeches and a musical programme brought to a close one of the most helpful and enjoyable meetings I have had the privilege of attending during the year.

I regret that I have not been able to visit all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction during my year of office as Grand First Principal.

In several instances, I endeavored to arrange satisfactory dates, but, at the time, failed to do so, and on account of official duties was not able to renew the effort.

It has been my loss that I have not been able to reach all the Chapters, but I have received the most satisfactory reports from the various Grand Superintendents, and I know that the work has made marked progress in all the districts.

In the Chapters where I have had the pleasure and privilege of visiting, I have received the greatest kindness and courtesy. I am deeply grateful to the companions.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, granted permission to confer degrees on Bro. G. W. Bureau, who lost his left arm in the Great War, but who uses an artificial arm. I examined this case personally, and, in view of this being a war disability, I extended consideration.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, to install Dr. Geo. E. Long as Second Principal.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, to install D. Garnes as Second Principal.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, to install V. C. French as Second Principal.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, to install E. Wright as First Principal.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, to install W. B. Way as First Principal.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, to install J. S. McHardy as Second Principal.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, to install officers out of time.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, to install officers out of time.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, to install Comp. Marsh as First Principal.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, to elect and install the First Principal on the same night.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, to install officers out of time.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Refused permission to change by-laws to read, "Dues to accrue one year from date of receiving Mark Master

Degree." I understood this request to mean that newly initiated companions would not pay dues until one year from the date on which they received their Mark Master Degree. I did not consider this request in harmony with Sec. 58 of the Constitution as amended, which provides that a minimum fee of \$50.00 shall be charged by all Chapters in the jurisdiction. If this amendment had been allowed it would mean that the initiation fee of this Chapter would be \$50.00, less the amount of yearly dues.

Strathecona Chapter, U.D. Refused permission to select new officers owing to the First Principal wishing to resign owing to illness. This was refused after careful consideration, for a number of reasons. I finally arranged with the First Principal to allow his name to remain until the charter of the Chapter should be granted, and arranged with the Second Principal to carry on the work under the supervision of Past First Principals of Capital City Chapter.

Strathecona Chapter, U.D. Refused permission to grant a companion a demit until charter granted.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15. Refused permission to elect and install officers at the same meeting. I did not consider the request in harmony with the spirit of the constitution, or the installation ceremony. It would not permit of proper examination as to fitness for office, and the same companions would of necessity agree to the installation as had just elected the officers. If there should develop well-founded objection to any officer, proper opportunity should be given to register it.

Edmonton Companions. Refused to grant a petition for the opening of a new Chapter at Edmonton.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS APPROVED

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, to change night of regular convocation from first Wednesday to first Thursday.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, to add a by-law giving life membership to M. Ex. Comp. Robt. Patterson.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, approving new by-laws.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, to insert the word "Registrar" in the last line of by-law referring to elections.

COURTESIES RECEIVED FROM OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Grand Chapter of British Columbia—

Allowing Camosun Chapter, of Victoria, B.C., to confer M.E.M. and H.R.A. on Bro. W. F. Taylor, of Alberta Chapter, No. 1.

Grand Chapter of British Columbia—

Permission for Revelstoke Chapter, B.C., to confer the M.E.M. and H.R.A. Degrees on Bro. Geo. A. Davidson, of Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3. This was carried out.

Grand Chapter of Canada—

Permission for either Shunian Chapter, of Port Arthur, or Ft. William Chapter, of Fort William, to confer the M.E.M. and H.R.A. on Bro. George Hamilton, of Alberta Chapter, No. 1.

APPOINTMENTS

Vacancies having occurred in the representations of Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I had pleasure in recommending the following appointments:—

- Arkansas.—R. Ex. Comp. O. J. Cowin, The Hiram Chapter, No. 19.
- California.—R. Ex. Comp. M. B. Peacock, Alberta Chapter, No. 1.
- Connecticut.—V. Ex. Comp. T. Rankine, Alberta Chapter, No. 1.
- Delaware.—V. Ex. Comp. G. W. Elliott, North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- Georgia.—R. Ex. Comp. John Allan, Bekah Chapter, No. 7.
- Massachusetts.—R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Calgary Chapter, No. 11.
- Michigan.—R. Ex. Comp. Jas. R. Flan, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- Nevada.—V. Ex. Comp. A. C. Sloane, Norwood Chapter, No. 18.
- New Zealand.—R. Ex. Comp. W. R. Howson, Stratheona Chapter, U.D.
- Oregon.—R. Ex. Comp. Jas. A. McGhee, Jos. Stauffer Chapter, No. 22.
- Washington.—Ex. Comp. D. M. McLean, Capital City Chapter, No. 13.
- West Australia.—Ex. Comp. Percy Fielding, Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.
- Wisconsin.—R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Haynes, Mt. Olivet Chapter, No. 17.

Vacancies having occurred in the representation of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, I was pleased to approve of the following recommendations:—

- Iowa.—Ex. Comp. E. B. Soper, Emmettsburg, Iowa.
- Nebraska.—Ex. Comp. Dr. Hayes Gsantner, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Michigan.—Ex. Comp. Chas. W. Mixer, Hastings, Mich.
- North Carolina.—Ex. Comp. Dr. F. C. Whitaker, Enfield, N.C.

As authorized by the last convocation of Grand Chapter, the following committees were appointed:—

Committee on Large Classes

M. Ex. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, Chairman; M. Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, R. Ex. Comps. F. S. Selwood and Jas. A. McGhee, and Ex. Comp. W. A. MacNab.

Committee to Consider the Re-Arrangement of Districts Nos. 3 and 4.

R. Ex. Comp. John E. Johnson, Chairman; R. Ex. Comp. Jas. A. McGhee and Ex. Comp. W. E. M. Holmes.

DISCIPLINE

As reported in a former portion of my address, I received from Hillyue Chapter, No. 15, application for dispensation to elect and install officers at the same meeting. For reasons given in my report on dispensations I refused this.

It appeared that the reason for the request was that, owing to the condition of roads, caused from the heavy snow in that part of the south country, it had been impossible to hold satisfactory meetings. In view of this condition, I offered to grant permission to move forward each date.

This information was forwarded to Hillyue Chapter by the Grand Scribe E.

When a report of the meeting was received, it appeared that, having anticipated a favorable reply to their request, they had made arrangements for the double function. When they learned that permission had been refused, they took a vote of the companions present and decided, in view of the weather conditions and the difficulty of calling satisfactory meetings at that season, to proceed to elect and install as arranged. This was carried out, and a report forwarded explaining why they had so acted.

I considered this a serious breach of discipline, and immediately made enquiry as to the situation. As a result of this, and judging from the report received from the Chapter, I came to the conclusion that the companions of Hillyue had acted in good faith, and the action they had taken was not in the spirit of defiance but rather as an error of judgment.

When all the facts were before me, and I had carefully considered the situation, I came to the conclusion that, notwithstanding the serious nature of the offence, I would not be justified in inflicting undue hardship, and so instructed the Grand Scribe E. to confirm the election and installation of the officers, but to point out to this Chapter the serious mistake they had made, and to censure them for their act.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I beg to recommend that the Grand Scribe E. forward to the Grand First Principal, as soon as possible after the reports of elections in the various chapters have reached him, a list of the First Principal and Scribe E. of each Chapter.

I find that some of the Chapters do not have new notices printed at once, and there is considerable delay in obtaining a complete list from such notices.

I have noticed during the year that various devices are used by the different Chapters on their notices and stationery. I find that a number use the Keystone, which is not correct, for the Holy Royal

Arch. I beg to recommend that a committee be appointed to bring in a report, that we may adopt a design giving uniformity in this matter.

I note from the reports that the outstanding dues are greater than last year. Some of the Chapters have shown marked improvement, but unfortunately others have not done so well. This requires careful thought, and I would urge the Chapters to give earnest thought and attention to this matter.

It is only by persistent effort that accumulation of outstanding dues can be guarded against.

CONCLUSION

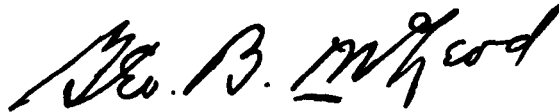
In concluding my report, I beg to thank all the companions of the jurisdiction for their co-operation in the work through the year. It has been a great pleasure to meet the Chapters, and discuss with them the work and lay plans for larger effort.

I desire to thank the Grand Officers, past and present, for their assistance in every way. I have appreciated their advice and the many times they have joined me in my visitations.

I wish to make special mention of the careful, conscientious work of the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside. His consideration has aided much in the work of the year. It has been a pleasure to be associated with him in the work of the Grand Chapter.

I am grateful for the good fellowship that has obtained throughout the year, in all the Chapters; may it ever continue, and may the great desire and ambition of each companion be to advance the work of Capitular Masonry, that in our hearts and in the world about us we may more and more accomplish the purpose for which our Order was brought into being—the revelation of the Divine Mind and Will.

Yours fraternally,



Grand Z.

On motion of R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, seconded by M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, it was

RESOLVED, That the Address of the Grand First Principal be received and referred to the "Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address."

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS

The Grand Scribe E., having called the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies having assembled them at the Altar, M. E. Comp. George M. McLeod, Grand Z., addressed them as follows:

Worthy Companions:

It is my pleasant duty to welcome you, as Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, to our Annual Convocation. It is a magnificent representation. The relations existing between this Grand Chapter and the ones that you represent are the most friendly kind. We are working for the same great end—to make the world better, to hold high the standards of morality and truth, and to spread the light of civic, educational and religious liberty throughout our fair land. It is my request that you convey to your Grand Chapter our cordial greetings and best wishes, and assure them that our hearts beat in unison and our hands are ever ready to join theirs in the effort to advance the principles of our noble Order.

Each of the companions having conveyed to the Grand Z. the greetings from his Grand Chapter, R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, representing the Grand Chapter of Virginia, addressed the Grand First Principal as follows:

Most Excellent Sir and Companion:

As representative of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, I beg to convey to you the cordial fraternal greetings of that great body of Royal Arch Masons, with the assurance of their keen interest in your continued progress and welfare.

As one of the representatives bringing greetings from the Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, permit me, Most Excellent Sir, to express to you our sincere appreciation of the kindly welcome you have extended to us. May we assure you, on behalf of the Grand Bodies we have the honor to represent, of our hearty sympathy and co-operation in your endeavor to promote the high ideals inculcated by our great Order. May the conduct and example of every Royal Arch Mason throughout the world be such as to exert a powerful influence for good in his community, and may the ideals of our Royal Craft be expressed in terms of devoted unselfish service to our fellowmen.

May we come to realize, more and more, that the great problems confronting humanity today can only be solved by the realization of the universal brotherhood of man, and the application of the Golden Rule in all our dealings with our fellow men.

We will convey to our respective Grand Chapters your kind fraternal greetings, and on their behalf we extend to you our sincere good wishes for a successful and harmonious convocation.

The M. E. The Grand Z. then requested the Grand Representatives to be seated.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Your committee on warrants to whom has been referred the petition of Strathcona Chapter U.D., now working under Dispensation, and on the recommendation of the Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, beg leave to report that they find that the companions of Strathcona Chapter U.D., while working under said dispensation, have acquitted themselves in such a manner as to warrant the expectation of their forming a strong and healthy constituent of this Grand Chapter.

We would therefore recommend that a Charter, No. 25, be granted at this Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

D. McINTOSH,

W. J. STEPHENSON.

On motion of R. E. Comp. D. McIntosh, seconded by R. E. Comp. Stephenson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of regret at not being able to attend the Annual Convocation were read from R. E. Companions T. W. Bates, P.G. Superintendent; H. H. Fletcher, G. Treasurer., and V. E. Companions A. G. Finch, G. Jr. Soj. and J. W. G. Morrison.

Letters of fraternal greetings and cordial relations were read from M. E. Comp E. E. Morris, G.H.P., of Missouri, and R. E. Comp. John W. Macklem, our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

A letter was read from M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, expressing warm appreciation and thanks for the Grand Chapter's contribution of \$500 to their Benevolent Fund.

Among many other letters of more or less business routine the following are worthy of mention:

1. From R. E. Comp. John K. Brydon, Kenora, Ont., our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada, placing his services at our disposal if at any time required.

2. Several letters and interesting Chapter notices from our newly appointed Representatives of Nebraska, Dr. Hayes Gsantner, of Omaha, I. P. High Priest of Bellevue Chapter, and an enthusiastic Mason.

3. Several letters from R. E. Comp. Chas. F. Sherman, our Grand Representative of New York State, an honored Mason of many years, and whom M. E. Comp. McLeod had the pleasure of meeting when he passed through Edmonton, in June last.

4. A letter from R. E. Comp. John C. Strickland, Grand Scribe

E. of West Australia, expressing appreciation of our choice of R. E. Comp. Percy Fielding of Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, as their Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, as he had been an active member in one of their Chapters some years ago.

5. From Comp. Francis B. Reilly, Regina, concerning the materials and books necessary to start a new Grand Chapter.

6. From R. E. Comp. E. A. McHan, Grand Secretary of Georgia, containing an invitation to attend their one hundredth anniversary.

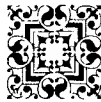
7. From Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges, of Montana, with an invitation to attend the thirty-third anniversary and official visit of G.G.H.P. Dr. Kuhn.

8. From Grand Secretary Chas. A. Conover, of Michigan, requesting an exchange of Grand Representatives, and nominating Comp. Chas. W. Mixer, of Hastings, Mich., as our Grand Representative of Michigan.

9. From Comp. Chas. W. Mixer, stating appreciation of the honor, and his willingness to be of service to us.

On motion of R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, it was

RESOLVED, That the correspondence be filed in the records.



Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Edmonton, Alta., March 8th, 1923.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

It affords me great pleasure to submit to you my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.

My official visits to the Chapters in my district have been as follows:

On May 26th I visited Capital City Chapter, No. 13. I have also paid this Chapter several fraternal visits and have seen their officers exemplify the three degrees in their high degree of efficiency.

North Star Chapter, No. 2. I visited this Chapter officially on September 26th and witnessed the conferring of the M. E. M. and R. A. M. Degrees. Previous to that time I have seen them confer the M. M. M. Degree and have no hesitation in stating that the manner in which their work was carried out left no room for criticism.

Upon the occasion of my official visit to Vermilion, No. 14, on October 10th, I was tendered a royal welcome. After attending to the business of the Chapter in a most thorough and business like manner, the officers exalted two brothers in a manner equal to any Degree that I have witnessed.

On April 19th I visited my home Chapter, Norwood, No. 18, and needless to say, this Chapter is continuing to do exceptionally good work. The officers are always striving to do their work second to none in this district. I must report that in connection with this Chapter, dispensation has been granted to remove their Charter to new and spacious lodge rooms situated at the corner of 116th Avenue and 93rd Street.

On July 5th I made my official visit to Stratheona Chapter U.D. and witnessed the R. A. M. Degree conferred by the officers of Capital City Chapter. I have since visited this Chapter on several occasions and have seen the M. E. M. Degree conferred in a very able manner by Ex. Comp. Neal. This Chapter has been somewhat handicapped by the sickness of its First Principal, Rt. Ex. Comp. Howson, who has not been able to attend the Chapter. Very generous assistance has been afforded this Chapter by Capital City and North Star Chapters. Ex. Comp. Neal is to be congratulated upon the success this Chapter has already achieved. I have no hesitation in recommending that Stratheona Chapter U.D. be granted a Charter and Dispensation to elect

officers on March 28th, and to install same at their regular meeting in April.

I have personally examined the books and records of the Chapters in this district and find same in good shape. They speak well for the enthusiasm of the Scribes in their work.

My thanks are extended to the companions of District No. 1 for having conferred upon me the honor of Grand District Superintendent, and if I have not measured up to all their expectations, I would ask them to clothe me with the broad mantle of charity and brotherly love, in an endeavor to cover up my faults and imperfections.

Faternally submitted,

J. J. GREEN,

Grand Superintendent District No. 1

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1922

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 mths. in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets, Property, Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
North Star	2	Edmonton	10	8	20	\$4.00	280	0	3	13	34	6	9	8	8	239	22	—	\$1,340.00	\$ 659.00	\$ 493.25	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	good C		
Capital City	13	Edmonton	10	7	35	\$5.00 3.00	284	1	0	14	0	4	21	22	22	288	114	\$328.00	2,250.00	3,756.00	806.00	700.00	169.00	good C		
Vermilion	14	Vermilion	10	1	27	\$5.00 3.00	81	0	0	1	3	1	5	5	5	81	32	—	305.00	300.00	—	300.00	162.50	good 4		
Norwood	18	Edmonton	10	4	19	\$5.00 3.00	79	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	5	85	38	—	—	780.00	258.50	800.00	—	good C		
Strathcona	UD S.	Edmonton	11	5	18	\$5.00	—	1	0	0	0	0	15	14	8	39	—	—	—	217.00	—	500.00	—	good C		

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DISTRICT NO. 2

Wetaskiwin, February 28, 1923.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

I take much pleasure in submitting to you my report as Grand Superintendent of the Second District of the Grand Chapter of Alberta for the year just drawing to a close.

District No. 2 consists of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin; Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer; Mt. Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam, and Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation.

As Scribe F. of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, I naturally attended all the meetings and assisted when necessary in carrying on the work. I paid Mount Horeb my official visit on December 28th, 1922 and spent a pleasant evening. This Chapter is progressing slowly, being handicapped by not having enough resident members.

On January 19th, 1923, I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 12, officially and was kindly received by R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Lord, Past Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, Past Grand Superintendent, and Ex. Comp. Geo. Best, First Principal. I spent a pleasant evening with the Companions of Keystone Chapter, when they exemplified the degree of Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch in a very efficient manner. This Chapter is making good progress and is the largest and best Chapter in the district.

I visited Mt. Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam, on February 21st, 1923, and was kindly welcomed by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Haynes, Past Grand Superintendent. This Chapter has made no progress this year, mainly because their three Principals reside in other towns of the district as do many of the companions. However, we will look for better things from Mt. Olivet in the coming year.

Owing to illness, I was unable to visit Coronation Chapter No. 23 on the date I had arranged to do so, and was very sorry to disappoint them. However, from the report I received from this Chapter, they appear to have made more progress than any other in the district.

On February 22nd, 1923, I held a Chapter of Instruction for all the Chapters of the district at Wetaskiwin and was pleased to have with us the following Grand Officers: Most Ex. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, Grand First Principal; R. Ex. Comp. W. T. Coote, Grand Second Principal, and R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, Grand Lecturer, as well as R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, Past Grand Superintendent, and Ex. Comp. Wm. MacNab, First Principal of Capital City, Chapter, No. 13.

A Lodge of M. M. Masons was opened in regular form at 3.30 p.m. by the officers of Mount Horeb Chapter who exemplified the Mark Master Mason Degree after which the M. E. M. Degree was beautifully exemplified by R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, Grand Lecturer, assisted by Ex. Comp. Wm. MacNab, as S. Warden, and R. Ex. Comp. W. T. Coote, as J.W., and other companions.

Much information was gained by the Chapters by the discussion which followed, after which the companions partook of a supper provided by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star.

At eight thirty o'clock the Chapter was opened in regular form by the officers of Keystone Chapter, No. 12, when the Grand Officers present were received with the Grand Honors, after which the Royal Arch Degree was beautifully exemplified by the officers of Keystone Chapter, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Stephenson acting as Z.

After the Degree, the companions present received much valuable instruction from the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, the R. Ex. the Grand Second Principal, but more especially from R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, Grand Lecturer.

After the Chapter closed, a most enjoyable evening was spent by the companions.

Finally, my companions, I wish to thank you one and all, for the honor conferred on me a year ago, and for the kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. D. WALLACE.

Grand Superintendent District No. 2.



ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1922

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.I.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 mths. in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets, Property, Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Mount Horeb..	6	Wetaskiwin ...	10	—	14.4	(\$3.00) { 1.50}	95	1	—	2	—	1	6	6	7	99	30	—	\$ 855.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 200.00	—	—	—	4
Keystone.....	12	Red Deer.....	9	1	17		\$3.00	147	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	6	147	61	\$100.00	1,650.00	685.00	325.00	350.00	\$100.00	fair	8
Mount Olivet..	17	Killam.....	6	4	15	\$5.00	75	2	—	4	—	—	0	0	0	73	51	—	239.00	600.00	627.00	500.00	—	—	fair	8
Coronation.....	23	Coronation.....	10	1	14	\$6.00	41	1	0	2	0	0	7	7	4	47	23	—	412.00	700.00	200.00	450.00	—	—	fair	3

DISTRICT NO. 3

Calgary, February 24th, 1923.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

In presenting to you my report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in District No. 3, I find all the Chapters in a healthy condition, financially. The companions are taking greater interest in the work of the officers in the Chapters. The manner of conferring the degrees has been improving in this district for some time, and the result is shown in the increased attendance. The condition of the Scribes' books show the same degree of efficiency as the other officers.

On April 24th, I visited Alberta Chapter, No. 1, accompanied by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, R. E. Comp. Flan, Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, and R. E. Comps. Peacock, Bruce and Mercer. This was a well attended meeting, and the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in the usual proficient manner of this Chapter.

I visited this Chapter again on October 23rd, when the Past First Principals conferred the Royal Arch Degree in a manner which showed that this Chapter has always been favored by efficient officers. R. E. Comp. Fletcher occupied the First Principal's chair, R. E. Comp. Peacock the Second Principal's chair, and Ex. Comp. Strathearn that of the Third. The mystical knowledge was imparted by R. E. Comp. English very creditably, being enjoyed by a large number of companions. Afterwards, a very enjoyable time was spent at the banquet table.

On May 17th, I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, at Didsbury. A large number of the officers and members of Calgary Chapter accompanied me, and we were well pleased with the reception accorded us. The enthusiasm displayed by this Chapter is remarkable, and assures the success of it. Some of the companions drive over fifty miles to be present at these meetings. The excellence of the work accounts for this. On this occasion the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified.

On November 8th, I again attended this Chapter to assist them in welcoming the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod, on his official visit. I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand Third Principal; R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Grand Scribe E.; R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, and over twenty companions of the Calgary Chapters. Again, a large number attended, and the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree called forth the praises of M. E. Comp. McLeod. He expressed his pleasure at the interest shown by the companions of this Chapter. The remaining portion of the evening was spent at the banquet table.

On May 23rd, in company with R. E. Comps. J. E. Johnson, E. G. Ironside, M. B. Peacock, V. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper and twenty-three companions from the Calgary Chapters, I paid a visit to Golden West Chapter, No. 5, at High River. This is another Chapter that covers a large territory, and the ability, shown in the business and the degree work, is manifested by the splendid attendance, for companions will not travel forty or fifty miles to see poor work. The conferring of the Royal Arch Degree was such as left nothing to be desired. The remainder of a very enjoyable evening was spent around the banquet

table. It was my intention to again visit this Chapter, but weather conditions prevented.

On October 11th, I made an official visit to Calgary Chapter, No. 11, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Flan and Ex. Comps. F. B. Cooper and F. Milne. The Mark Master Degree was conferred, and, although not quite up to their usual proficiency, the officers were complimented on the excellence of the work. The discussions were interesting and profitable. As this is my own Chapter I was present at every meeting during the year, except two, when I was visiting the Didsbury Chapter.

On November 22nd I made another official visit to this Chapter, it being Past First Principal's night. R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson occupied the First Principal's chair and exemplified the Royal Arch Degree, assisted by the other Past Z's. The quality of the work showed that the Grand Third Principal has not lost his cunning, even although it is a long time since he was First Principal. This was one of the best meetings of Calgary Chapter this year and was attended by R. E. Comp. Flan, and nearly all the Principals and officers of the other Calgary Chapters, as well as a large number of companions. When the labors of the evening were over, all were treated to a splendid program.

On November 9th, I visited Banff Chapter, No. 20, and found this Chapter working under a very efficient and enthusiastic set of officers, who have the welfare of the Chapter at heart, and are well supported by the companions. This Chapter is to be congratulated for its progress, as its area is restricted by the mountains, which surround it, but the energy of the officers and companions will eventually make this Chapter as solid as their mountain fastnesses. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred in a very dignified manner, and the splendid attendance of the companions must have gratified the officers. At the close of the Chapter, they demonstrated their ability to bountifully entertain.

On November 23rd, a Chapter of Instruction was held by Districts 3 and 4. The arrangements were made on behalf of the four Calgary Chapters in honor of the official visit of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod, and the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop. This was not only one of the most enthusiastic meetings of Royal Arch Masons ever held in Alberta, but was unique, in that every elected officer of Grand Chapter was present, except the Grand Principal Sojourner, who was prevented from attending by sickness. Every Principal, Past and Present, who was in the city, attended, and nearly every Chapter in the two Districts was represented. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and was beautifully and perfectly performed, being highly praised by the Grand First Principal and Grand Lecturer. Clear and convincing answers were given by the Grand Lecturer to all questions. After the Chapter was closed, the time was spent at the banquet table, where all enjoyed the address of M. E. Comp. McLeod. One of the great benefits of such meetings is getting acquainted with one another. This was the best Convocation I ever had the pleasure of attending.

On January 4th, the three Chapters, Alberta No. 1, Otuskwan, No. 9 and Calgary, No. 11, held a Joint Installation, conducted by R. E. Comp. Flan, Superintendent of District No. 4. This was another record gathering, which continues to show the deep interest in Capital Masonry in these districts. All present were amply repaid by the

excellent rendering, and beauty, of the ceremony, and the splendid program afterward in the banquet hall.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the companions of District No. 3 for the honor bestowed on me, in electing me to this responsible office. I have endeavored to give satisfaction, and I hope I have, in a small measure, succeeded.

Yours fraternally.

W. C. BLACK,

Grand Superintendent District No. 3



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Alberta.....	1	Calgary.....	12	11	22	\$4.00	266	5	1	7	9	1	15	13	14	270	8	—	\$1,100.00	—	\$ 411.50	\$ 400.00	\$107.00	good	C	
Golden West....	5	High River.....	10	—	21	3.00	123	1	4	2	1	—	2	3	3	127	12	—	2,054.00	\$575.00	206.75	300.00	—	—	good	5
Calgary	11	Calgary.....	9	5	30	4.00	106	1	1	2	3	—	2	—	—	105	18	—	260.00	450.00	76.00	500.00	70.00	good	C	
Banff.....	20	Banff.....	9	—	15	5.00	40	—	—	—	1	—	5	5	4	44	6	—	560.00	250.00	40.00	100.00	50.00	good	1	
Jos Stauffer....	22	Didsbury	10	1	21	5.00	73	—	—	3	—	1	4	4	4	73	27	—	150.00	600.00	194.50	500.00	—	—	good	7

“C”—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT NO. 4

Calgary, Alta., March 5th, 1923.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

I have the honor to submit for your approval my official report as
Grand Superintendent of District No. 4.

I visited all the Chapters in the district officially upon two occasions, excepting Hiram Chapter, at Youngstown, which I visited only once. I also visited some of the Chapters unofficially a number of times.

Capitular Masonry in this District, I am pleased to state, is in a healthy condition, and the Chapters are in the hands of capable and efficient officers. The degrees, in most cases, have been conferred in a manner calculated to leave a good impression on the minds of the candidates. The attendance at some of the meetings was not as large as it might have been, although we have had some excellent meetings in the district.

On June 21st I paid my first official visit to Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, and received a very cordial reception from Ex. Comp. McBean and his officers. There was no degree work, but after the business of the evening had been disposed of, we had an interesting discussion on the different degrees of the Royal Craft. The remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent at the banquet table. I again visited this Chapter on December 4th and saw the M.M.M. Degree conferred on one candidate. The work was well done by Ex. Comp. Walsh, although he was somewhat handicapped by the absence of several of the officers, due no doubt to the extremely cold weather at that time.

On June 12th I visited Hiram Chapter, No. 19, at Youngstown, and had the pleasure of installing the officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Cowin. There was no degree work, and after the ceremony the evening was spent most pleasantly in social intercourse. This Chapter has a lot of good material and should become one of the best in the district. I have not received any notices from this Chapter for some months, and it was my intention to visit them again in January, but was unable to do so owing to my absence from home.

Strathmore Chapter No. 21, has been under the capable management of R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Mercer. On May 11th I made my first official visit to this Chapter and witnessed the conferring of the M.E.M. degree in a satisfactory manner. June 18th I had the pleasure of accompanying M. Ex. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, Grand First Principal, on his official visit to this Chapter, when the H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an efficient manner by R. Ex. Comp. Mercer and his officers, and it speaks well for Past Grand Chapter officers to see them taking such an interest in the work. A large number of Calgary and Gleichen companions were present at this meeting to do honor to the Grand First Principal. I again visited this Chapter on January 11th, 1923, and had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year.

I visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24, at Calgary, on June 5th and witnessed the conferring of the H.R.A. Degree in a very creditable manner by Ex. Comp. McPherson and his officers, the work of the Principal Sojourner being exceptionally good. I again visited this Chapter on

December 4th and had the pleasure of seeing the M.M.M. Degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Andrews in a satisfactory manner. Ex. Comp. McPherson and his officers take a keen interest in their work and the meetings are well conducted. They have a very competent Scribe E. and the books are well kept. On January 1st, 1923, I again visited this Chapter, the occasion being the installation of officers by M. Ex. Comp. M. M. Downey.

On May 18th, I visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, when the H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an impressive manner by Ex. Comp. James Cleave upon four candidates. I again visited this Chapter at an emergent convocation on October 19th, when the M.M.M. degree was conferred upon two candidates. A Lodge of M.E.M. was afterwards opened and I had the honor of conferring the degree upon five candidates. As this is my own Chapter, I am present at most of the meetings and am able to speak of the capable manner in which both the ordinary business and degree work have been conducted by Ex. Comp. Cleave and his officers. The Chapter is to be congratulated upon the efficient manner in which the Scribe E., Comp. J. J. Webster, carries out his duties and particularly in having, practically, a complete book of Marks.

On November 23rd, a joint convocation of the Calgary Chapters was held as a Chapter of Instruction, and this also was the occasion of the official visit of the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. George B. McLeod, who was accompanied by every elected Grand Chapter officer, with one exception. It was also an emergent meeting of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, for conferring the H.R.A. Degree, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the Grand First Principal took charge of the proceedings. Several very interesting questions were asked and discussed and the valued advice given by the Grand Lecturer, R. Ex. Comp. Dunlop, when answering the questions was much appreciated. This was one of the largest gatherings of Capitular Masons ever held in the city. Unfortunately, I was not present at the meeting, having been called to Montreal, and the foregoing remarks are based upon information given me by several of the companions who assisted in making arrangements for the meeting.

The companions of Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, at Didsbury, extended an invitation to Calgary companions to visit them on October 11th, when the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal would visit that Chapter officially. Over thirty companions accepted the invitation. Ex. Comp. M. Smith conferred the H.R.A. degree and after the ceremony, in a few well chosen remarks introduced M. Ex. Comp. George B. McLeod, who gave an interesting and instructive address on Royal Arch Masonry, which was much appreciated. Although Didsbury is not in my district, it afforded me great pleasure to be present and enjoy the address.

On January 4th, 1923, the joint installation of officers of Alberta Chapter, No. 1; Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9; and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, was held, when, with assistance of R. Ex. Comp. W. C. Black, Grand Supt., District No.3, as Director of Ceremonies; R. Ex. Comp. M. B. Peacock, Past Grand Supt., as H.; and R. Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Grand Scribe E., as J., I had the honor of installing the officers of those Chapters. This was one of the best attended meetings held in Calgary, and upon adjournment to the banquet hall, speech, song and music brought a splendid meeting to a successful finish.

A complaint was received from Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, at Hillcrest,

that Crescent Chapter, No. 24, had received an application for exaltation from a brother at Coleman, and whom they claimed was a resident within their jurisdiction, but who at the time was a temporary visitor at Calgary, and they also claimed they were entitled to the exaltation fee received by Crescent Chapter.

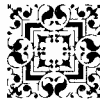
The matter was referred to me from the office of the Grand Scribe E., with a request that I investigate the matter and report thereon. I found that the brother had resided for some 18 months at Coleman and was working at one of the mines there, that owing to strike conditions the mine was closed and the brother came to Calgary, but when the strike was settled he returned to Coleman, resumed his former employment, and is still residing there. In the interval during his stay in Calgary his application was received and accepted by Crescent Chapter and the several degrees conferred upon the brother. In reporting the result of my investigations, I submitted the above facts and expressed the opinion that the claim of Hillvue Chapter was well founded and their complaint justified.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the companions of the district for electing me to the honor of Grand Superintendent, and also to thank so many of the Calgary companions for accompanying me on many of my official visits and assisting me in carrying out the duties of the office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,

Grand Superintendent, District No. 4.



ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1922

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Otuskwan	9	Calgary	10	6	36	\$4.00	142	1	—	2	11	1	16	16	16	145	6	—	\$1,595.00	\$ 831.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 49.00	good C
Bow Valley	10	Gleichen	10	—	—	6.00	79	—	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	75	27	\$52.00	340.00	600.00	492.00	375.00	—	fair 2
The Hiram	19	Youngstown	5	2	14	6.00	68	1	—	—	—	1	4	4	4	72	47	—	910.00	400.00	524.00	300.00	—	good 7
Strathmore	21	Strathmore	10	1	18	6.00	55	—	—	—	—	2	5	4	4	58	11	—	24.00	800.00	254.00	600.00	—	good 5
Crescent	24	Calgary	12	1	31	3.00	110	3	—	2	2	—	3	4	4	112	—	—	74.00	895.00	59.50	750.00	15.00	good C

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT NO. 5

Lethbridge, Alta., March 9th, 1923.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Royal Arch Masons:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It gives me great pleasure to, herewith, submit my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5 of the Grand Chapter of Alberta at this, its Ninth Annual Convocation.

On Thursday, October 19th, 1922, I visited Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat, when the Most Excellent Master's degree was conferred upon three candidates in a very creditable manner, with Excellent Companion P. Stone presiding, all the officers being very efficient. This Chapter is to be congratulated upon having a splendid Scribe E., Comp. W. B. Stevens, whose records are in perfect order, the Historical Register being right up to date. The Book of Marks for all new companions is also up to date, there being a few old marks which were handled in the old way not caught up. I might say this Chapter has in use a loose-leaf system for their Historical Register and Minute Book which I do not believe could be improved upon.

On Tuesday, October 24th, I visited Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek, when the Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred, with Ex. Comp. H. McMillan presiding, the work of all being very creditable. The books of Scribe E. are in excellent order. The Book of Marks, not being up to date, accounted for by the fact that the new method of registering marks was not properly understood. The Historical Register was also not up to date, but this will, doubtless, be attended to.

On Wednesday, November 8th, I paid my official visit to my home Chapter, Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, with the Royal Arch Degree was conferred on three candidates, with Ex. Comp. T. S. Fetterley presiding. The conferring of the degree was very creditably exemplified, the work of all the officers being very good, showing a marked improvement since the early part of the year, as I have been in attendance at all the meetings of the Chapter during the year with the exception of one when I was paying an official visit elsewhere. The books are in good shape for 1923. The Historical Record and the Book of Marks for all new companions being up to date, except for a few old ones which have not yet been caught up. Would say that the work of Comp. T. R. Brewer, Scribe E., is to be commended, as the books were not in the best shape when he took office.

On Wednesday, November 22nd, a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple, Medicine Hat. Grand First Principal Most Ex. Comp. George B. McLeod; Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, Past Grand First Principal; Right Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, Grand Lecturer; Right Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Grand Scribe E.; and Right Ex. Comp. J. Dan. McDonald, Past Grand District Superintendent, were present. Chapter opened at 3 p.m. by Ex. Comp. P. Stone and the officers of Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3. Grand Chapter officers were introduced by Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod and received with honors. A short address was then given by Most Ex. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, Grand First Principal.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by the officers of

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, with Ex. Comp. P. Stone presiding. Very high compliments were paid by the Grand First Principal and the Grand Lecturer on the manner in which the degree was conferred, which, with the exception of a couple of little slips, was as near perfection as possible.

The Grand First Principal then requested Very Ex. Comp. A. G. Finch, of Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, to approach the East, when he invested him with the regalia of Grand Junior Sojourner; and the Grand First Principal then, in a neat and sincere speech, asked Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod to face the East when he presented him with the regalia of a Past Grand First Principal, as an appreciation of his services to the Grand Chapter, for which Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod fittingly returned his thanks. We were then favored with an address by Rt. Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, Grand Lecturer, and questions regarding the work were taken up and answered to the satisfaction of all.

Chapter of Instruction was then closed at 6 p.m., when a banquet was partaken of and enjoyed to the fullest extent by the companions, after which the regular toasts were proposed and responded to and we were treated to inspiring addresses from Most Ex. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, Right Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop and Right Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside, together with musical items by companions of Assiniboia Chapter and Shekinah Chapter.

The splendid success of this Chapter of Instruction and the beneficial effects are due to the hearty co-operation of the officers and members of Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, as well as the presence of the Grand Chapter officers, and I wish to express my own personal appreciation of the work done by all in this connection. I had expected that the date of this Chapter of Instruction would have been most convenient for all companions of the District to attend and it is a matter of regret to me that Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod; Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek; and Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm, were not represented, but as the companions of Medicine Hat had never been favored with a Chapter of Instruction in their City (all others being held in Lethbridge and Macleod, when the above Chapters had been well represented), I feel that the objects of the meeting had been attained and that those not represented had been the losers. I must apologise, however, to the companions of Bekah Chapter, Macleod, for not having notified them of the date of the Chapter of Instruction in time for their regular meeting in November. This was due to an oversight on my part, but I had expected that the programme of the Chapter of Instruction would have been at hand in plenty of time.

I was honored by the request of the officers and companions of Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, by being invited to install their new officers on January 2nd, 1923, but I advised them that I was unable to accept their kind invitation at that time owing to business changes, but later I found it possible to attend and paid an official visit on that date, accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod and a number of companions from Lethbridge.

The ceremony of installing the officers of the Chapter was performed splendidly by Right Ex. Comp. John Allen, Past Grand Superintendent.

The work of closing the Chapter shows that the new officers have their work well in hand, and I am quite satisfied that the work of the degrees can be well exemplified also. This Chapter, having only one Blue Lodge to draw upon, is not as well fixed to obtain candidates as other Chapters in the District.

The books of the Chapter and the Historical Register are in first-class shape. After this meeting, we attended a banquet tendered to the members of the Craft Lodge of the City, and Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod presented Right Ex. Comp. J. Allen with a jewel from the members of Bekah Chapter in appreciation of his services while Grand Superintendent.

In December I received a communication from Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, relative to addition to the by-law in the matter of conferring a life membership on Most Ex. Comp. Robert Patterson, P.G.Z. It gave me the greatest possible pleasure to recommend that the action of Bekah Chapter be confirmed by Grand Chapter, well knowing the faithful services given to his own Chapter and to the Grand Chapter by Most Ex. Comp. R. Patterson.

After making three engagements to visit Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest, which on account of heavy snowfalls and bad weather had to be cancelled, I paid my official visit to that Chapter on Wednesday, February 7th, accompanied by several members of Shekinah Chapter.

I was very surprised to find from the reading of the minutes that at the last regular convocation (for which they had applied for a dispensation to elect and install their new officers, which dispensation had been refused), that they had gone ahead in view of the refusal and elected and installed their officers. I took them to task in this matter, and advised them that their officers were illegally holding office, and was informed that they only received the refusal the day before the meeting, and as there are only two members of the Chapter living in Hillcrest—the others all belonging to Blairmore, Coleman and around that district—they had been unable to get in touch with the companions and advise them of the state of affairs. It was the first time in months that they had had sufficient members present, and so the meeting was held, and under the circumstances it was unanimously decided to elect and install, as they felt the only alternative would be the surrender of their Charter.

It was not in the spirit of defiance that they took such action, but they felt that had the full circumstances of the case been known, the request for such dispensation would have been granted. Taking all things into consideration, I would therefore suggest that their action be treated as leniently as possible.

After considerable delay, I was able to present Very Ex. Comp. Robert Evans with the regalia of Grand Senior Sojourner.

The work of this Chapter is well in hand, the opening of the Chapter showing that the new officers are efficient, and I feel that they will be well able to take care of the degree work.

The books also of this Chapter are in good shape, and the Mark book almost up to date, but they have no Historical Register; this will

be attended to in the near future. The arrears of dues of this Chapter are very small, being practically confined to last year's dues.

On Tuesday, February 27th, I paid my official visit to Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm, accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, when the business of the evening was the election of officers or the alternative to consider the advisability of closing the Chapter.

The work of opening the Chapter shows that the officers are efficient in their work and I feel that the cause of the small attendance and the lack of enthusiasm of the companions is due to the fact of not having sufficient degree work.

The books and finances of this Chapter are in good shape and I feel that good times will cure all the troubles of Tau Cross Chapter.

The business of the meeting was fully discussed with nearly all the members of the Chapter participating, Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod and myself also addressed the companions, but our train being then due, we had to leave the meeting, but I was pleased to learn that they had decided to continue and had gone ahead and elected their officers. I feel that their action was a good one and that this year will prove to be the best they have had for years.

On March 7th, I again, accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, paid an official visit to Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, this being the occasion of the official visit of the Most Ex. Comp. Geo. B. Macleod, Grand First Principal, and also to honour Most Ex. Comp. Robert Patterson, P.G.Z. The Grand First Principal was introduced to the members of the Chapter by Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, and heartily welcomed to the East by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Arthur. The Grand Z. thanked the companions, in the name of the Grand Chapter, in a very fitting manner for the warmth of his reception.

The Grand Z. then requested Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod to present Most Ex. Comp. Robert Patterson to him, when in a most pleasing way he voiced his appreciation of the work of Most Ex. Comp. Patterson in Capitular Masonry, and presented him with a Life Membership Certificate from the officers and companions of Bekah Chapter, No. 7, for services rendered. Most Ex. Comp. Patterson replied in a fitting manner. We afterwards sat down to supper and were entertained with inspiring addresses from Most Ex. Comp. G. B. McLeod, Most Ex. Comp. Robert Patterson and Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, Ex. Comp. Middleton making an excellent Toastmaster.

I regret that I was unable to accompany Most Ex. Comps. Geo. B. McLeod and N. T. Macleod to Claresholm the following day, when the G.Z. was to install the officers of Tau Cross Chapter.

On Thursday, March 8th, I paid a second visit to my home Chapter, Shekinah, No. 4, when Most Ex. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod paid his official visit, being introduced to the officers and companions by our own Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred on three candidates in a most efficient manner, Ex. Comp. P. Cull, Third Principal, acting as W.M. The work of all the officers was very good; special mention, however, must be made of Ex. Comp. P. Cull as W.M., Comp. W. H. Smith, acting as S.D., who was substituting for the Principal Sojourner who was unable to attend owing to sickness, and the M.O., Comp. Fowler. At the conclusion of the

degree, Most Ex. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod was called upon and complimented very highly all the officers on the manner in which the degree had been conferred, more especially the work of the W.M., S.D. and M.O. The Chapter being closed, we enjoyed ourselves at the supper table and were treated to instructive and inspiring addresses by Most Ex. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod and Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod and others. This making a fitting conclusion to my official visits.

•The Chapters of this district are in good financial condition, but, with the exception of Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, they are carrying too much outstanding dues. This, however, I think will be greatly decreased, should business conditions improve.

The ritual work done by the Chapters of this district is very uniform, showing that the efforts of the former Grand Superintendents, and visits of the Grand Chapter Officers, have not been in vain.

Before concluding this report, I wish to express my personal appreciation and thanks to all the officers and companions of District No. 5 for the many kindnesses and courtesies received at their hands during my term of office, and also for the honour conferred upon me in electing me as their Grand Superintendent. I was also particularly fortunate at having close at hand Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, to whom I could always go for advice in any matter that I was not sure of, and who very kindly accompanied me on several of my official visits for which I extend to him my very sincere thanks.

In endeavoring to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability, maybe I have been severe in my criticisms, but I trust the companions will understand that the position is that of "official fault-finder" and it was only done in the kindest spirit so that the work of the Order would become as near perfection as possible, which would conduce to the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN EDGAR RANNARD,

Grand Superintendent District No. 5.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by Ex. Comp. Rev. S. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Superintendents be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

The Grand Chapter adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

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Assiniboia	3	Medicine Hat	10	2	25	\$3.00	171	—	3	4	—	2	10	9	13	178	50	—	\$2,220.00	\$ 523.00	\$ 253.00	\$ 300.00	\$100.00	good	6
Shekinah	4	Lethbridge	11	2	25	5.00	149	4	1	2	—	—	10	9	10	162	29	\$1,805.00	1,573.00	870.00	579.00	600.00	—	good	11
Bekah	7	Macleod	9	2	11	5.00	46	—	—	2	—	—	3	3	4	47	14	—	160.00	300.00	229.00	300.00	—	fair	1
Kether	8	Pincher Creek	12	—	22	5.00	43	—	—	1	3	1	4	4	4	42	12	—	156.00	500.00	120.00	300.00	—	fair	2
Hillvue	15	Hillcrest	6	—	13½	6.00	40	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	41	12	—	—	—	81.00	1,000.00	—	fair	3
Tau Cross	16	Clareholm	2	1	13	4.25	37	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	36	22	—	92.00	450.00	379.00	350.00	—	Not bright	5

Grand Chapter resumed Labor at 2.50 p.m.

Grand Scribe E's Report

Calgary, Alberta, March 8th, 1923.

To the Most Excellent,

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

I have the honor to present the Financial Statement and Report for the year ending 28th of February, 1923.

This is my first report, and I must thank the Companions of Grand Chapter for the great honor conferred on me one year ago. To be a good Grand Scribe E. requires diligence, accuracy, and all the qualities that is necessary for a successful Secretary, and I hope I have come up to your expectations.

It was with some degree of "fear and trembling" that I assumed office, but R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson was always to be found at the other end of the telephone, and my troubles never began.

Owing to uncertain financial conditions, and only fair crops generally, many of the Chapters have found this a hard year, so our gain in membership has been small. However the Chapters are developing socially, and a chance has been given to grow along other lines than that of merely conferring degrees.

Last Grand Chapter Proceedings were printed and promptly forwarded to all entitled to receive them.

I have issued 173 Royal Arch Certificates.

One thousand dollars has been invested in Alberta Government Bonds. Most of this amount is Benevolent Funds.

The Benevolent Fund now stands at \$804.85, as \$500.00 was presented to the Grand Lodge of Alberta for its Benevolent Fund. This year \$250.00 of arrears were paid, so that now only \$230.00 remains to be collected, and this from only three Chapters.

Our Surplus of Assets over Liabilities is \$229.76 greater than last year.

Many of the Scribes E. are to be commended for the prompt and correct manner of sending in the names of new members, and other Chapter affairs, but there are a few others, and they are not always those of the small Chapters, who wait until the end of the year, which is, by far, the busiest time for the Grand Scribe E.

Two Chapters, Bow Valley No. 10, and The Hiram No. 19, did not get their annual returns in by February 28th, and so the Grand Chapter Books were partly closed before they were received. One Scribe E. included \$5.00 in his cheque for the penalty, which is \$5.00 for each month's delay. I find that some other Grand Chapters have this same trouble. A fine is usually imposed, but one, at least, is more severe, and automatically suspends the Chapter, after one month's delay.

Many of our Chapters are profiting by buying regalia and supplies through the Grand Scribe E., who is able to get goods at a trade discount from the regalia firms. Prices are slowly but surely coming down.

The committee appointed to prepare and have printed a booklet of Specimen Marks, did this work, and the booklets were sent to every Chapter. It has had a good effect, as most new members and some old ones are having thier Marks registered with the Grand Scribe E.

Since writing my report, I have received from Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, a cheque for \$100.00, which completes their payments to the Benevolent Fund.

The statement of membership follows:

Number of regular Chapters.	24	
Number of Chapters under Dispensation.....	1	
	<u>25</u>	
Number of members 31st December, 1921.....		2,630
Additions		
Restorations.....	15	
Admitted to 31st December, 1922.	158	
Affiliated to 31st December, 1922.....	45	
	<u>218</u>	
		2,848
Deductions		
Deaths to 31st December, 1922.....	26	
Resignations to 31st December, 1922	67	
Suspensions N.P.D. to 31st December, 1922.....	70	
	<u>163</u>	
Number on Roll to 31st December, 1922.....		2,685
Net increase for year.....		<u>55</u>

Financial Statement

ASSETS

Cash in Bank February 28th, 1923.....	\$1,198.01
Cash on hand February 28th, 1923.....	76.90
Amounts receivable from Chapters General Fund.....	225.75
Amounts receivable from Chapters Benevolent Fund.....	230.00
Regalia, Furniture, Books & Stock Forms (Inventory)....	1,594.00
Alberta Provincial Bond.....	1,000.00
	<u>\$4,324.66</u>

Liabilities

Benevolent Fund to February 28th, 1923	\$804.85
Outstanding Accounts. (Amounts overpaid by Chapters).....	9.05
	<u>\$ 813.90</u>
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.....	\$3,510.76

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM CHAPTERS

Alberta Chapter, No. 1.....	\$ 245.00
North Star Chapter, No. 2	161.70
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3	220.55
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4	468.80
Golden West Chapter, No. 5	74.10
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6	73.85
Bekah Chapter, No. 7	46.60
Kether Chapter, No. 8	51.58
Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.....	123.00
Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.....	32.45
Calgary Chapter, No. 11	121.50
Keystone Chapter, No. 12.....	79.35
Capital City Chapter, No. 13.....	217.70
Vermillion Chapter, No. 14.....	89.55
Hillvue Chapter, No. 15.....	28.85
Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16.....	26.35
Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17	85 03
Norwood Chapter, No. 18.....	55.85
The Hiram Chapter, No. 19	26.00
Banff Chapter, No. 20	39.25
Strathmore Chapter, No. 21.....	29.35
Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22.....	60.70
Coronation Chapter, No. 23	86.80
Crescent Chapter, No. 24.....	72.05
Strathcona Chapter (Under Dispensation).....	
Cash Sales.....	3.30
Interest on Government Bond.....	25.34
	\$2,544.60

AMOUNTS PAID TO GRAND TREASURER

1922—

March 13th.....	\$ 351.75
March 20th	40.60
April 8th	85.50
May 8th	37.65
May 25th	71.33
June 14th	22.15
July 8th	27.80
October 28th	15.25
November 16th.....	12.10
December 8th	98.75
December 27th	224.08

1923—

January 9th.....	766.25
January 24th	407.09
February 16th.....	290.25
February 26th.....	17.15
February 28th	76.90
	\$2,544 60

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CHAPTERS**General Fund**

Alberta Chapter, No. 1	\$ 10.15
North Star Chapter, No. 2.....	1 80
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3	.15
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.....	49.50

Golden West Chapter, No. 5.....	7.10
Kether Chapter, No. 8.....	5.55
Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9	6.00
Calgary Chapter, No. 11.....	20.70
Keystone Chapter, No. 12.....	15.65
Capital City Chapter, No. 13	1.10
Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17.....	.15
Strathmore Chapter, No. 21	16.65
Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22..	2.70
Coronation Chapter, No. 23.....	2.10
Crescent Chapter, No. 24.....	.60
Strathcona Chapter, U. D.....	85.85
	\$ 225.75

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Balance from Chapters, 1921.	\$ 449.03
Certificates and Registrations.....	428.10
Registration of Joinings	16.00
Past Principal Certificates	8.00
Life Membership Certificates	10.00
Dispensations	6.00
Sale of Books.....	10.45
Sale of Copies of the Work.....	52.35
Sale of By-Laws.....	1.00
Sale of Constitutions	4.50
Sale of Forms.....	12.15
Benevolent Fund.....	250.00
Annual Fees	1,223.20
Regalia and Paraphernalia	34.98
Interest of Government Bonds.....	25.34
Sundries.....	13.50
	\$2,514.60

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Postage.....	\$ 45.00
Express and Telegrams.....	9.43
Printing "Proceedings".....	284.04
General Printing	79.53
Office Supplies and Stationary.....	170.30
Furniture	15.00
Printed "Cuts" for Proceedings	41.71
Regalia	292.57
Grand Officers' Expenses	234.65
Annual Convocation Expenses	45.00
Grand Scribe E's Salary	500.00
Bonds and Insurance Premiums.....	11.90
Paid to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund	500.00
Engrossing Marks and Certificates	32.00
Paraphernalia and Sundries	6.14
Invested in Alberta Provincial Bonds	1,000.00
	\$3,267.27

BENEVOLENT FUND

Amounts received from Chapters, 1920-21-22.....	\$1,054.85
Amounts received from Chapters, 1922-23:	
Alberta Chapter, No. 1.....	\$ 60.00
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3.....	35.00
Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.....	15.00
Calgary Chapter, No. 11.....	70.00
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.....	70.00
	\$ 250.00
	\$1,304.85
Amount presented to Grand Lodge of Alberta.....	500.00
Balance now on hand.....	\$ 804.85

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CHAPTERS

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.....	\$ 100.00
Norwood Chapter, No. 18.....	85.00
Coronation Chapter, No. 23.....	45.00
	\$ 230.00

INVENTORY OF STOCK ,FURNITURE, ETC.

28th February, 1923

Office Furniture and Typewriter.....	\$ 240.00
Regalia.....	800.00
Envelopes, Letterheads, etc.....	25.00
Certificate Stone and Cuts.....	135.00
Blank Certificates.....	110.00
Copies of Work.....	9.00
Books of Constitution.....	90.00
Books of By-Laws.....	20.00
Books, Office and blank.....	120.00
Certificates, general.....	5.00
Office Supplies and Postage.....	40.00
	\$1,594.00

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1.....	J. J. Brewster, H. H. Halladay, Geo. Macdonald, Alex. Morrice, Jas. A. McGhee, A. H. Duff, H C. Sache.
North Star, No. 2.....	E. H. Ayling, G. W. Lync, H. H. Rendall, D. N. McLeod, W. A. Deyl, Sam Taylor, C. B. Morris, Jas. W. Hill, W. A. Woodhouse, H. A. Murphy, Jas. H. Kelly, John Jackson, A. F. George.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	W. H. McEwan, R. S. Winter, G. W. Green, A. W. Gleaves.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	H. B. McElyea, Newton P. McDonald.
Golden West, No. 5.....	E. J. Thornc, L. F. Schmelle.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	J. E. Henderson, William Dixon.
Bekah, No. 7.....	T. C. Brace, George Sparks
Kether, No. 8.....	A. C. C. Johnston.

Alberta No. 1, Calgary.....	Charles P. Johnson.
North Star, No. 2, Edmonton.	John Chorley, R. L. Nickerson, F. C. Smith, Wm. Ferguson, Percy B. McNally, Thos. W. Nelson.
Assiniboia, No. 3	Matthew J. Steeves, Daniel Robertson.
Mount Horeb, No. 6	Charles C. Bailey.
Kether, No. 8	Allan McClelland.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Hubert J. Cole.
Bow Valley, No. 10	John H. Wall.
Keystone, No. 12.	Alex H. Moyes, John F. Day, H. H. Gaetz.
Capital City, No. 13	John O. Letourneau, Alfred D. Duncan, Jas. Liddle, Andrew C. Todd.
Strathmore, No. 21	John B. Sims, Percy H. Waddy.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22	T. W. Publicover.

Alberta, No. 1. Joseph B. Pascoe.
North Star, No. 2. . . . Wm. J. MacCannon.
Assiniboia, No. 3. . . . Wm. H. McEwan, L. T. Grace, A. W. Gleaves.
Shekinah, No. 4. . . . James H. Bell.
Golden West, No. 5. . . J. S. Blake, T. F. McCarthy, L. F. Schnelle, F. C. Keiver.
Bow Valley, No. 10 . . Arch H. Spurr. —James L. McKenney.
Calgary, No. 11 L. W. White.

Alberta, No. 1. . . . John Faust, J. M. Armstrong, Wm. Barber, D. G. Campbell, M. V. Anderson, Alfred Cuddy, F. J. Downie, C. R. Krater, N. G. Donald.

North Star, No. 2. . . Wm. McKay, John Northcott, F. A. Osborne, C. R. Palmer, Thos. Thompson, Arch. York, Jas. R. Hume, C. T. Lally, Sam F. Coombs, W. J. Mitchell Robt. G. McLellan, Fred W. Cox, Wm. Gray, C. B. Beals, B. J. Saunders, W. A. Carter, Jos. F. Babb, Jos. E. Coombs, S. Pout, W. O. Farquharson, D. P. Richardson, E. M. Nesbitt, Geo. Mackintosh, E. Meaden, D. J. Moore, John A. Potter, John C. Wilson, R. V. Free, R. W. Stewart (U. M. Conduct, John A. Charlesworth.)

Golden West, No. 5. L. M. Roberts.
Kether, No. 7. Jas. Dougall, J. J. Cameron, S. H. Kistruck.
Otuskwan, No. 9. . . . Frank Collicut, Wm. J. Cross, H. B. Long, Wm. M.
Sage, Jas. Walker, Chas. F. Harris, Thos W.
West, Wm. J. Hislop, Robt. H. Roberts, Wm.
C. Bruce, Donald R. McDonald.
Bow Valley, No. 10. . . John Golden, Wm. C. Brown, Charles L. Douglas.
Calgary, No. 11 Wm. Young, R. J. Strachan, A. H. Carr.
Vermilion, No. 14. . . Chas. H. Pitkie, Thos. Irving, H. L. Copson.
Banff, No. 20. Wm. D. Whyte.
Crescent, No. 24. . . . Robt. C. Noble, R. W. Lindsay.

Fraternally submitted,

Edwin G. Ironside,

Grand Scribe E.

Report of Grand Treasurer

From March 1st, 1922, to February 28th, 1923.

Mar. 1, 1922—	Cash on hand in bank.....	\$1,997.58
Mar. 13, 1922—	Received from Grand Scribe E.....	351.75
Mar. 21, 1922—	“ “ “ “	40.60
April 13, 1922—	“ “ “ “	85.50
May 9, 1922—	“ “ “ “	37.65
May 26, 1922—	“ “ “ “	71.33
June 16, 1922—	“ “ “ “	22.15
July 10, 1922—	“ “ “ “	27.80
Oct. 28, 1922—	“ “ “ “	15.25
Nov. 17, 1922—	“ “ “ “	12.10
Dec. 11, 1922—	“ “ “ “	98.75
Dec. 29, 1922—	“ “ “ “	224.08
Jan. 10, 1923—	“ “ “ “	766.25
Jan. 24, 1923—	“ “ “ “	407.09
Feb. 16, 1923—	“ “ “ “	290.25
Feb. 27, 1923—	“ “ “ “	17.15
Feb. 28, 1923—	“ “ “ “	76.90

\$4,542.18

**AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE FROM MARCH 1st, 1922
TO FEBRUARY 28th, 1923**

Mar. 21, 1922—W. A. Ackland.	\$ 3.90
Mar. 21, 1922—Perfection Lodge, Rent of Lodge Room	35.00
Mar. 21, 1922—N. T. Macleod, expenses	94.00
Mar. 21, 1922—J. H. Routledge, Entering Marks.	4.00
Mar. 21, 1922—S. H. Davies, Grand Janitor	10.00
Mar. 21, 1922—Albertan Job Press, Printing.	8.75
Mar. 21, 1922—J. E. Johason, for express.	2.05
Mar. 21, 1922—E. G. Ironside, Postage.	25.00
Mar. 24, 1922—Security Cartage Co., moving expenses.	2.75
Mar. 25, 1922—Grand Lodge of Alta., for Benevolent Fund.	250.00
Mar. 25, 1922—Calgary Photo Engraving Co., cuts	7.75
April 8, 1922—J. H. Routledge, writing Life Certificates	5.00
April 8, 1922—E. G. Ironside, typewriter desk and cut	16.48
April 8, 1922—Canadian Regalia Mfg. Co.	12.98
April 19, 1922—Albertan Job Press, envelopes and stationery.	10.25
April 26, 1922—Calgary Photo Engraving Co., cuts of Marks	31.96
May 2, 1922—J. L. Nichols, leather cases for Work	11.00
May 13, 1922—J. H. Routledge, cuts for Mark Leaflet.	5.00
May 20, 1922—Star Printing Works, printing Mark Books.	18.85
May 13, 1922—Dominion Regalia Co., Grand Officers' Regalia	204.19
May 20, 1922—Express and large envelopes, E. G. Ironside.	5.00
June 10, 1922—Albertan Job Press, printing Proceedings.	327.89
June 10, 1922—E. G. Ironside, Salary	125.00
June 28, 1922—E. G. Ironside, phone and typewriter ribbon	2.35
June 28, 1922—J. H. Routledge, Writing Marks	9.00
June 28, 1922—Alberta Provincial Bonds	1,000.00
Aug. 7, 1922—Albertan Job Press, Gold Letters on Satchels	4.69
Aug. 7, 1922—Western Printing & Litho. Co., 1000 Certificates	104.50
Sept. 28, 1922—Brown Bros., Covers for Work	19.10
Sept. 28, 1922—E. G. Ironside, Postage.	10.00
Nov. 12, 1922—E. G. Ironside, repairing satchel, express and cut	8.58
Nov. 13, 1922—J. H. Routledge, engrossing cert. and entering marks	3.00
Dec. 13, 1922—The Quick Print, Xmas Greeting Cards.	12.54
Dec. 12, 1922—W. A. Ackland, insurance on office furniture.	8.00
Dec. 6, 1922—Albertan Job Press, 1000 letter-heads.	10.45
Dec. 6, 1922—E. C. Dunlop, Grand Lecturer's expenses	34.90
Dec. 6, 1922—Geo. B. McLeod, expenses	105.75
Jan. 9, 1923—E. G. Ironside, 6 months' salary.	250.00
Jan. 9, 1923—Grand Lodge of Alta., Benevolent Fund.	250.00
Feb. 8, 1923—E. G. Ironside, postage \$10, express \$1, and Shep. Crook.	13.91
Feb. 21, 1923—Albertan Job Press, Grand Chap. Notices.	8.99
Feb. 21, 1923—Ambrose Kent & Sons, Grand Treas. Regalia	63.71
Feb. 8, 1923—J. H. Routledge, Life Mem. Certs. \$3, Entering Marks \$3	6.00
Feb. 22, 1923—E. G. Ironside, Salary	125.00
	\$3,267.27
Cash on Hand and in Bank	1,274.91
	\$4,542.18

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. Fletcher

Grand Treasurer.

We have audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer and find them to be in good order. We certify that the attached report of Receipts and Disbursements is in accordance with the vouchers and the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer.

W. H. Andrews
E. R. Wentzel

8th March, 1923.

Auditors.

Moved by R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe's Report as printed, be accepted as read, from the second paragraph on page 2 to the end.

After the first part was read, it was moved by R. E. Comp. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Grand Scribe E. be referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Auditors be accepted as printed, and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That telegrams be forwarded to M. E. Companions J. N. Rankin, Robert Patterson and H. Darling expressing our regret, for their not being present, and wishing them health and happiness.

Report of Committee on Grand Z's Address

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on the Grand Z's Address beg to report as follows:

We desire to congratulate the M.E. the Grand First Principal on the harmony that continues to exist throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and the substantial progress made during his tenure of office, notwithstanding the fact that we are sharing with others in the world-wide depression which now exists.

Your Committee desire to record their appreciation of the fact that the M.E. the Grand Z. has been able to visit almost all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, and by his presence and judicious counsel has left an impress for good wherever he has gone.

In view of the stress and strain of the times, increase in membership to any great degree is not to be expected. A Mason's first duty is to care for his own kith and kin and should the initiation fee for Capitular Masonry prove a hardship to him, his primal duty is to maintain those depending upon him.

The present conditions afford greater opportunity for true Masonic service and for inculcating the fundamental principles of our institution and of knitting the brethren more closely together in the bonds of brotherhood. We are pleased to learn that there have been many evidences of this throughout the jurisdiction and that the companions have not been unmindful of their duties towards each other.

The M. E. the Grand Z. has intimated that there is the possibility of two new Chapters being formed in the near future, but that no definite action has been taken thus far in either case. We would recommend the companions of these districts to fully consider every aspect of the case before assuming additional financial obligations during this trying period.

Your Committee are delighted to learn that Grand Chapter in the interim has seen fit to recognize the splendid services of M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod during his tenure of office as Grand Z., by presenting him with a full set of P. G. First Principal's regalia.

We also note with pleasure the fact that Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, did themselves honor by presenting to M. E. Comp. Robt. Patterson, P.G.Z., a certificate of life membership.

We concur in the action of the M. E. the Grand Z. in refusing permission to a Chapter to amend its by-laws so as to enable it to permit brethren who have received the Mark Master Degree to remain a member one year before he is liable for dues to the Chapter.

Your Committee desire to state that it is quite within the province of the Grand Z. to appoint the officers of a Chapter under dispensation and to make such changes in these appointments as he may deem necessary so long as the Chapter remains under dispensation.

Your Committee concur in the ruling of the M. E. the Grand Z. that a dimit cannot be granted to a companion while the Chapter is under dispensation.

Your Committee also concur in the action taken by the M. E. the Grand Z. in refusing permission to elect and install officers at the same meeting, and regret to learn that one of our Chapters violated its instructions in this regard.

As the M. E. the Grand Z. did not give his reasons for refusing to grant a petition for the formation of a new Chapter at Edmonton, your Committee cannot pass judgment upon his action in this matter. He doubtless had, however, good and sufficient reasons for so doing, and it was quite within his prerogative as Grand Z. to make such a refusal if he deemed it in the best interests of Capitular Masonry so to do.

Your Committee are pleased to note that the usual courtesies between other Grand Jurisdictions and this in the conferring of degrees for each other have been complied with in all cases, and that cordial fraternal relations continue to exist between sister Jurisdictions and the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee concur in the recommendation of the M.E. the Grand Z. that every reasonable effort should be made by the Scribes of the various Chapters to collect the dues outstanding. Every companion should be urged to make his payments to the Chapter promptly, otherwise one of the outcomes of our present financial condition will be the suspension of a large number of our companions for N.P.D.

We again desire to congratulate the M. E. the Grand Z. upon his generous expenditure of time and the deep interest displayed by him in the work of Capitular Masonry during his tenure of office and also to express the hope that he may be long spared to give the companions of this jurisdiction the benefit of his judicious counsel.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. WATSON,
N. T. MACLEOD,
S. Y. TAYLOR.

Moved by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To M. Ex. Grand Z, Officers and Companions,
Grand Chapter R. A. M., of Alberta.

M. Ex. Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer and approve the same.

We recommend that the tender of the Albertan Job Press be accepted for printing 600 copies of the annual Proceedings.

We approve the action of the Grand Scribe E in purchasing a typewriter desk and we recommend the purchase by Grand Scribe E of an additional unit of the oak sectional bookcase used for the Grand Chapter Library.

We recommend that the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. and A.M., be requested to permit the Grand Chapter Library, consisting of past annual reports of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, to be placed in the general office and library of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in their rooms in the Elma Block Calgary, Alberta.

We feel that such an arrangement would be of advantage to all Companions desiring the use of the library and we believe the Grand Lodge of Alberta would be most willing to accede to this request.

We approve the action of the Grand Scribe E. in procuring during the year regalia for the Grand Treasurer.

We recommend that the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to purchase regalia for the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist and the Grand Pursuivant.

We are pleased to note that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta continues eminently satisfactory, since we find there was a surplus on operating account for the year just closed amounting to over \$500.00. We also find that the arrears owing to the Benevolence Account have been overtaken by all but two Chapters.

We would point out to the members of Grand Chapter and to the other companions generally that the Grand Scribe E. has on hand a number of the bound volumes of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter covering the period of 1915 to 1920 inclusive. These may be obtained at the price of \$2.50 per volume, the actual cost price.

We recommend that the salary of Grand Scribe E. be Six Hundred Dollars per annum, payable quarterly

Annual Reports.—We recommend that the First Principal, whose term of office expires at the end of the calendar year, should be deemed charged with the duty of seeing that the Annual Returns of the Chapter are forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. promptly at the end of the year, before he retires from office; and that notice of this recommendation be sent to the First Principal and Scribe E. for their guidance.

Ex. Comp. C. R. Wentzel, of Calgary, No. 11, and Ex. Comp. W. H. Andrews, of Crescent, No. 24, were appointed auditors for 1922-23 and have filed their report.

Faternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
GEORGE D. WALLACE,
D. McINTOSH,
WM. C. BLACK,
J. N. RANKIN.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wallace, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Grand Z., Officers and Members
of Grand Chapter:

We are pleased to note, on close inspection of the Reports from the Grand Superintendents, that all the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction have been visited during the year, and that the work performed has been uniformly correct and according to the regulations.

Special attention seems to have been paid by the Chapters to the registration of Marks, and this branch of the work appears now to be satisfactory.

In the matter of protection against fire loss, we find that all Chapters carry insurance, but would recommend that the following Chapters be requested to increase the amount of the insurance carried, viz.:

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3; Keystone Chapter, No. 12; Golden West Chapter, No. 5; Hillyue Chapter, No. 15; Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10; Banff Chapter, No. 20.

We regret to see that there is a very large amount of dues outstanding. We will call to your attention that out of twenty-five Chapters, thirteen are particularly noticeable in this respect. While this may be due partly to the financial stress, we fear that a great portion is due to the officers not taking this part of their duties seriously enough.

The Grand Superintendents of the five districts have performed their duties in a very proficient manner, and we commend them for so carrying out their duties.

We again commend to the incoming Superintendents the advisability of carrying on Chapters of Instruction.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON,
F. S. WATSON,
N. T. MACLEOD.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Johnson, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of this Grand Chapter:

We, your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report:

In the matter of the Appeal of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, against the Grand Z.'s decision, in refusing sanction to their change in by-law, to permit them to make dues payable as from one year from date of

admission of an applicant for exaltation, we believe that the Grand First Principal's decision was in accord with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

N. T. MACLEOD.
W. C. BLACK.
M. B. PEACOCK.

On motion of M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Alberta,

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report that no business has come before this Committee for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
GEO. D. WALLACE,
J. E. RANNARD.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard, it was

RESOLVED That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Benevolence are pleased to report that the following amounts have been expended for Benevolence, by the various Chapters in this Jurisdiction, during the past year:

No.	Chapter	Amount
1—	Alberta Chapter.....	\$137.00
2—	North Star Chapter.....	50.00
3—	Assiniboia.....	100.00
4—	Shekinah.....	100.00
9—	Otuskwan.....	49.00
11—	Calgary.....	70.00
12—	Keystone.....	100.00
13—	Capital City.....	169.00
14—	Vermilion.....	162.40
20—	Banff.....	50.00
		\$987.40

We commend our companions for their generous support of this worthy cause, and we feel sure that every Chapter in this Jurisdiction will promptly and gladly respond to every legitimate appeal for assistance.

We are pleased to note that nearly all the arrears due from the Chapters to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter have now been paid, there being still the sum of \$130.00 due to this fund from two Chapters. We trust this small balance will be fully paid up before the next Annual Convocation.

The Report of the Grand Scribe E. shows a balance now on hand of \$904.85 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund.

We recommend that this Grand Chapter grant and donate to the Permanent Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Alberta the sum of \$100.00.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. STEPHENSON,
J. J. GREEN.
J. R. FLAN.
JAMES A. MCGHEE.

Moved by R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee beg to submit the following report:

Each year in Grand Convocation we are called upon to stand with bowed heads and sorrowing hearts in memory of our companions who have received the call, "Come up Higher."

Since our last Convocation, thirty-six distinguished companions, of sister jurisdictions, all of whom (with three exceptions) have attained the rank of P.G.H.P., also twenty-two companions of our own jurisdiction, have passed into the Great Beyond, and our hearts are saddened at their departure from our midst, and we fully realize the loss sustained in their death, yet with thankful hearts we remember that

"Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,
They live, whom we call Dead."

We sympathize with our sister jurisdictions in the great loss they

have sustained in the death of so many loved companions, and we hasten to remind them that

"There is no Death' What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian
Whose portal we call Death."

To our own broken ranks, and the bereaved families of our late companions, we come with the assurance that

"Death is swallowed up in Victory."

and that in

"Our Father's House are many Mansions."

But our departed companions have only gone on before us, and we must remember that

"Some time at eve, when the tide is low,
We shall slip our moorings and sail away
Through the purple shadows that darkly trail
O'er the ebbing tide of the unknown sea;
And a ripple of water to tell the tale
Of a lonely voyager sailing away
To the mystic isle where at anchor lay
The craft of those who have sailed before
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore."

A few who have watched us sail away
Will miss our craft from the busy bay;
Some friendly barks that were anchored near,
Some loving soul that our hearts hold dear,
In silent sorrow will drop a tear;
But we shall have peacefully furled our sail
In mooring, sheltered from storm and gale,
And be greeting friends who have sailed before
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore."

May we all so improve our allotted time as finally to be made perfect in the Grand Chapter above.

Faternally submitted,

E. C. DUNLOP,
JAS. A. MCGHEE
M. B. PEACOCK.
R. G. THOMSON
F. S. WATSON.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Thomson, it was

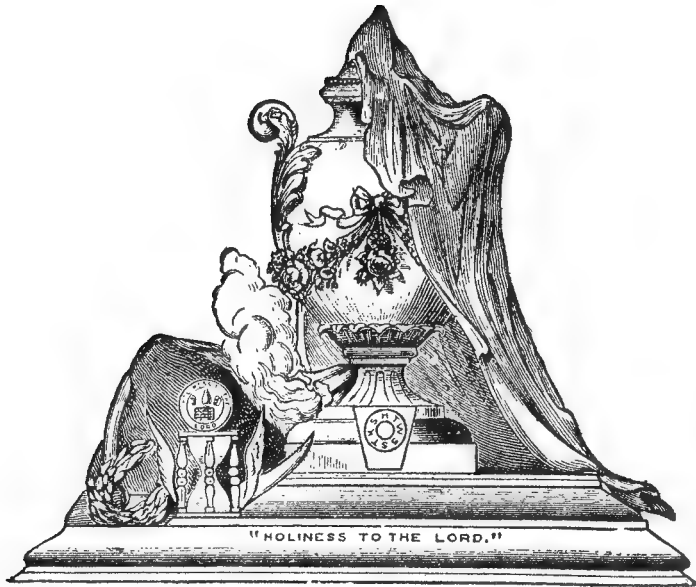
RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Arkansas.....	James Buchanan Baker, P.G.H.P.....	Mar. 17, 1922
Colorado.....	Thomas E. Shears, P.G.H.P.....	Feb. 19th, 1922
	Lawrence Nichols Greenleaf, P.G.H.P.....	Oct. 25th, 1922
	Henry Tracy West, P.G.H.P.....	Nov. 16th, 1922
Connecticut ..	Charles W. Boylston, P.G. Chap.	Mar. 4th, 1922
	Burton Hiram Strickland, P.G. Gd.	
Illinois.....	William Charles Sommer, P.G.H.P.....	April 19th, 1922
Indiana.....	Edgar H. Bristol, P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 7th, 1921
	John E. Redmond, P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 18th, 1921
Iowa.....	Eugene Schaffter, P.G.H.P.....	Oct. 31st, 1921
	William Henry Norris, P.G.H.P.....	Aug. 20th, 1922
Kansas.....	Aaron Hendrick Connett, P.G.H.P.....	July 16th, 1922
	John Appley Ferrell, P.G.H.P.....	June 21st, 1922
Kentucky ..	Laban T. Everett, P.G.H.P.....	Feb. 19th, 1922
	Robert R. Burnam, P.G.H.P.....	Oct. 9th, 1922
Maryland.....	Charles C. Homer, Jr., P.G.H.P.....	Mar. 9th, 1922
Massachusetts..	Warren B. Ellis, P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 8th, 1922
Michigan.....	William Irving Latimer, P.G.H.P.....	April 18th, 1922
	Oliver Lyman Spaulding, P.G.H.P.....	July 30th, 1922
Missouri.....	Austin Lee McRae, P.G.H.P.....	Mar. 18th, 1922
	Albert E. Diamant, P.G.H.P.....	May 4th, 1922
	Robert Emmett Bainbridge, P.G.H.P.....	June 30th, 1922
Nevada.....	Samuel Willis Chubbuck, P.D.G.H.P.....	Nov. 8th, 1921
	Robert Lewers, P.G.H.P.....	Jan. 12th, 1922
New Jersey.....	Lorenzo D. Sanborn, P.G.H.P.....	Feb. 1st, 1922
	Henry Snowdon Haines, P.G.H.P.....	June 25th, 1922
New York.....	Alfred A. Guthrie, P.G.H.P.....	Mar. 27th, 1922
	Dana B. Pratt, P.G.H.P.....	Mar. 24th, 1922
Nebraska.....	John Sinclair Harman, P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 30th, 1922
New Zealand...	Herbert Jas. Williams, Gr. Scribe E.....	Mar. 29th, 1922
Nova Scotia....	Donald Darrach, P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 13th, 1921
Oregon.....	Silas M. Yoran, P.G.H.P.....	June 24th, 1922
South Dakota...	Benjamin Franklin Ives, P.G.H.P.....	April 29th, 1922
Tennessee.....	Wilbur Fisk Foster, P.G.H.P.....	Mar. 26th, 1922
Texas.....	Frank J. Nusom, P.G.H.P.....	Mar. 11th, 1922
	Felix Wood Fitzpatrick, P.G.H.P.....	Jan. 26th, 1922
	Philip Melangthon Riley, P.G.H.P.....	June 15th, 1922
Virginia.....	George Wilson Poe, P.G.H.P.....	Sept. 25th, 1922

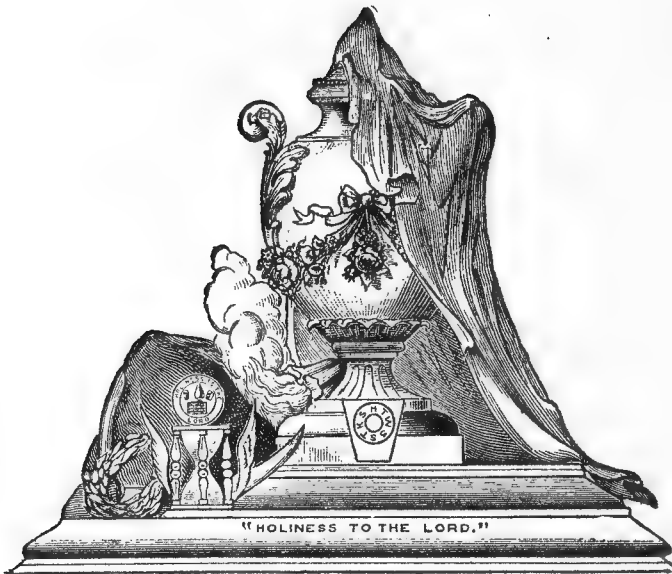
DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1.....	Charles P. Johnson, July 1922.
North Star, No. 2.....	John Chorley, June 16, 1922.
	R. L. Nickerson, Sept. 12, 1922.
	F. C. Smith,
	Wm. Ferguson, July 10, 1920.
	Percy C. McNally, Aug. 13, 1917 in France
	Thomas W. Nelson, In war.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Matthew J. Steeves, Oct. 5, 1922.
	Daniel Robertson, Oct. 2, 1922.
Mount Horeb, No. 6 ..	Charles C. Bailey, Dec. 15, 1922.
Kether, No. 8.....	Allan McClelland, Dec. 28, 1921.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Hubert J. Cole, Dec. 20, 1921.



In Memory
of the
Deceased Companions of Sister
Jurisdictions
for the year 1922

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of Time.
Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er Life's solemn main,
A forlorn and ship-wrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again.



In Memory
of the
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
for the year 1922

But if our pathway meets no more
In meadow-land or heather,
We'll pray that when the night is gone
We'll be at Home together.

Keystone, No. 12	Alex. M. Moyes, April 18, 1922.
	John F. Day, May 5, 1922.
	H. H. Gaetz, Dec. 19, 1922.
Capital City, No. 13	John O. Letourneau, Apr. 19, 1922.
	Alfred R. Duncan, Apr. 20, 1922.
	James Liddle, May 17, 1922.
	Andrew C. Todd, Aug. 21, 1922.
Strathmore, No. 21.....	John B. Sims, Dec. 1, 1922.
	Percy H. Waddy, Mar. 20th, 1922.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 ..	T. W. Publicover, July 2, 1922.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATIONS

To the M. E. Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee begs to report that no further communication has been received from the Grand Chapter of Queensland, except the Proceedings of 1921. The following appears in that volume.

"The first Australian Grand Chapter to recognise the Grand Chapter was that of New South Wales, followed by New Zealand and Western Australia, with all of whom we have exchanged Representatives. The first American Grand Chapter to give us recognition was Missouri, being quickly followed by Maine, New Hampshire, Wyoming, Arizona, Illinois, Alberta, Tennessee, and South Carolina: whilst many others are in fraternal correspondence with us and have placed us on their official lists.

"All other Chapters under this jurisdiction are, I am pleased to say, doing well and becoming most popular.

"This is a very satisfactory state of affairs, because it is an inducement to the Brethren in Blue Masonry to come forward into the several Chapters.

"We have had to "hasten slowly" because the expense has been heavy; but we are now forging slowly but surely ahead. I sincerely trust that by the time I give you my next Report, that matters in this State will have improved to such an extent that we shall have nothing to worry over, except to keep our engagements with our daughter Chapters. We are all, however, in the hands of the T.A.L.G.M.H., to whom we have dedicated our lives and as we work, so shall we be paid."

The statement is in error as to Alberta, though no doubt Queensland Grand Chapter is on our mailing list.

In view of the unsettled state of affairs between Scotland and Queensland, we recommend that recognition be deferred until our next annual Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,
S. Y. TAYLOR.
F. S. SELWOOD.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the report on Foreign Correspondence and Relations be adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REARRANGEMENT OF THE CHAPTERS IN DISTRICTS

To the Grand Z., Officers and Members of
The Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee begs to report that, as there seems to be little cause for complaint, except that, in the city of Calgary, two of the Chapters, although meeting in the same Lodge-room and holding the same paraphernalia jointly, are in different districts, the Chapters in Districts 3 and 4 be arranged so as to place these Chapters in the same District, as follows: District No. 3: Golden West, No. 6, at High River; Calgary, No. 11, at Calgary; Banff, No. 20, at Banff; Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, at Didsbury; Crescent, No. 24, at Calgary. District No. 4: Alberta, No. 1, at Calgary; Otuskwan, No. 9, at Calgary; Bow Valley, No. 10, at Gleichen; The Hiram, No. 19, at Youngstown; Strathmore, No. 21, at Strathmore.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON,
J. A. MCGHEE,
W. E. M. HOLMES.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of this Special Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "LARGE CLASSES"

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of Grand Chapter:

We, your Committee appointed to consider the question of "Large Classes," beg to report as follows: We have carefully considered the report of the former committee, presented last year, and have concluded that, owing to changed conditions of the times, the necessity of making special regulations to govern the action of our Chapters in the conferring of degrees upon large numbers of petitioners does not now exist.

We desire, however, to recommend the following:

1. That in the Mark Master Mason's Degree each candidate be taken through the first portion of this degree, separately, until he is first tested as to his qualification to receive wages.

2. That in the Royal Arch Degree the Chapter insist upon candidates being taken through the Veils, during their first admission to the Chapter, in groups of not more than three.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
N. T. MACLEOD.
F. S. SELWOOD.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the Committee on "Large Classes" be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The time for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Most Excellent Grand Z., appointed M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson and R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood as scrutineers of the ballots, and the following companions were declared elected:

Grand First Principal Z.....M.E. Comp. Wm. T. Coote, Leduc.
Grand Second Principal H.R.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, 633 15th Ave.
West, Calgary.
Grand Third Principal J.R.E. Comp. Rev. S. Middleton, Macleod.
Grand Scribe E (Secretary).....R.E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside, 513 21st
Avenue West, Calgary.
Grand Scribe N R.E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, Red Deer.
Grand Principal SojournerR.E. Comp. G. E. Cruickshank, Hillcrest.
Grand Treasurer.....R.E. Comp. Howard H. Fletcher, Calgary
Grand Registrar.....R.E. Comp. W. J. Haynes, Sedgewick.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for District Superintendents were submitted to the M.E. Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed:

District No. 1..... R.E. Comp. Wm. M. MacNab, 10041
117th Street, Edmonton.
District No. 2 R.E. Comp. E. C. Locke, Coronation.
District No. 3 R.E. Comp. R. C. Rankin, 326 3rd Ave.
N.E., Calgary.
District No. 4 R.E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell, Strathmore.
District No. 5.....R.E. Comp. H. O. Haslam, Claresholm.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Two Year Term

R.E. Comp. J. R. Flan.....	Calgary
R.E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.....	Calgary
R.E. Comp. J. A. McGhee.....	Didsbury
R.E. Comp. J. E. Rannard.....	Lethbridge

The only nomination received for the place of meeting of the Convocation of 1924 was the City of Calgary, and it was declared that this city would be the place of meeting of the next Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter adjourned at 7.20 o'clock p.m. to meet at 9.30 o'clock a.m., Thursday, March 15th, and the companions were conveyed in autos to the Hall of Patricia Lodge, where the companions of the Edmonton Chapters had prepared a banquet. After the tables were cleared, an excellent program of music was rendered, and a very inspiring address, filled with deep thought and choice language, was delivered by His Honour Judge Morrison. This beautiful and instructive oration will be found elsewhere in these Proceedings.

Grand Chapter is indebted to Comp. W. E. Hansford, Scribe E. of North Star Chapter, in getting the address type-written and forwarding it to the Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter resumed at 9.45 a.m. Thursday, March 15th.

ACTION TAKEN ON NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion No. 1.—By Ex. Comp. William M. McNab: "That in view of the fact that there is no official channel of communication between the Royal Arch Chapters and Blue Lodges whereby suspensions in the one may become known in the other, that the Grand Chapter of Alberta approach the Grand Lodge of Alberta with a view to devising some means of communication, so that a Mason suspended in a Blue Lodge may be reported to the Chapter of which he is a member."

This motion was withdrawn on the understanding that the Grand Scribe E. should write to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to receive this information.

Motion No. 2.—By Ex. Comp. William M. McNab: "That it be a Masonic offence for any Companion to attach his name to the Application for Exaltation of any candidate, without personal knowledge of said candidate."

This motion was withdrawn, and on motion of R.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by Ex. Comp. W. M. MacNab, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to have new forms of "Petition of Application for Exaltation" and "Affiliation" printed, and that the form of recommendation on these applications be similar in form to those in use in the petition used by the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Motion No. 3.—By Ex. Comp. A. D. Campbell: "That Section 86 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter be amended by striking out the word 'cheques' in the fifteenth (15) line thereof, so that part

of the Section when amended shall read, 'He shall sign all warrants . . . or orders for the payment of moneys'." (Powers of First Principal.)

This motion was also withdrawn when it was shown that it would affect certain Chapters to their detriment.

The M.E. Grand Z. requested Ex. Comp. H. C. Neal to approach the Grand East, and presented to him the Charter of the new Strathcona Chapter, No. 25.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of M.E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M.E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be conveyed to the Chapters of the City of Edmonton for the generous hospitality extended to the members of Grand Chapter during their sojourn in that city

On motion of R.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by R.E. Comp. S. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to His Honour Judge Morrison for his able address of last evening, and that his address be printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of R.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by M.E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of \$15.00 be made to Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, to cover the expense incurred by giving the use of the Lodge room for this Convocation, and that our sincere thanks be tendered to Edmonton Lodge.

On motion of R.E. Comp Selwood, seconded by R.E. Comp. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of \$10.00 be made to the Grand Janitor for his services during this Grand Convocation.

On motion of Ex. Comp. W. B. Way, seconded by R.E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, it was

RESOLVED, That Grand Chapter adopt a card receipt system for subordinate Chapters, similar to those now in use by Blue Lodges, and that the Grand Scribe E. forward an initial supply to each Scribe E.

On motion of M.E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, seconded by V.E. Comp. Percy Fielding, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Z. appoint a committee consisting of the Past Grand Zs., with M.E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor as Chairman, to fully consider the revision of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, and that they give the proper notice of motion of the suggested amendments, so that action may be taken thereon at the next Convocation of Grand Chapter.

On motion of R.E. Comp. J. R. Flan, seconded by R.E. Comp. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter recommend to the incoming Grand First Principal that a dispensation be granted to the companions of Bassano to form a new Chapter at Bassano.

The M.E. Grand Z. allowed R.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, who held the proxy vote of Bow Valley Chapter, to refrain from voting on this matter, as that Chapter had sent a written protest against the forming of a new Chapter at Bassano.

On motion of R.E. Comp. Johnson, seconded by R.E. Comp. J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Z. appoint a Committee to ascertain the correct design on Chapter notices of meetings.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M.E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, assisted by R.E. Comp. W. J. Haynes as Grand Director of Ceremonies, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to M.E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor for his kind services in installing the Grand Officers.

On motion of R.E. Comp. Johnson, seconded by R.E. Comp. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. procure a Past Grand First Principal's jewel for M.E. Comp. George B. McLeod, in recognition of his untiring efforts while serving as Grand First Principal during the year 1922.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The following companions were appointed to office by the Grand Z.:

Grand Senior Sojourner	V.E. Comp. C. R. Wentzel, Calgary.
Grand Junior Sojourner	V.E. Comp. James Cleave, Calgary.
Grand Lecturer	R.E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, 10756 93rd Street, Edmonton.
Grand Sword Bearer	V.E. Comp. Joseph Brown, Calgary.
Grand Master 1st Veil	V.E. Comp. Dr. F. J. Folinsbee, Edmonton.
Grand Master 2nd Veil	V.E. Comp. R. S. Davis, Edmonton.
Grand Master 3rd Veil	V.E. Comp. C. W. Coppock, Edmonton
Grand Master 4th Veil	V.E. Comp. C. H. Russell, Wetaskiwin.
Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	V.E. Comp. Dr. W. G. Evans, Didsbury.
Grand Organist	V.E. Comp. F. B. Cooper, Calgary.
Grand Pursuivant	V.E. Comp. P. D. Stone, Medicine Hat.
Grand Steward	V.E. Comp. George Pattinson, Frank.
Grand Steward	V.E. Comp. H. H. Humber, Red Deer.
Grand Steward	V.E. Comp. W. A. Falow, Vermilion.
Grand Steward	V.E. Comp. W. E. Holmes, High River.
Grand Janitor	Comp. S. H. Davies, Calgary.

GRAND CONVOCATION CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 12.30 o'clock, p.m.



Edwin G. Ironside,

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918
Grand Z	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson	A. R. Dickson
Grand H	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand J	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod
Grand Scribe E	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley	P. J. Dewie
Grand Prin, Sojourner	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. Macleod	W. T. Coote
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markely	A. W. R. Markely	A. W. R. Markely	A. W. R. Markely	A. W. R. Markely
Grand Registrar	A. West	A. West	V. A. Bowes	E. D. H. Wilkins	D. W. McMillan
Grand Senior Sojourner	T. Rankine	D. W. McMillan	W. A. Mahaffy	Goe. W. Elliott	Jesse Elliott
Grand Junior Sojourner	A. H. Spurr	W. A. Mahaffy	D. L. Murison	David McIntosh	J. A. R. Powell
Grand Lecturer	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer	G. B. McLeod	G. B. McLeod	G. D. Wallace	W. F. W. Lent	R. D. Robertson
Grand M. 1st Veil	H. I. Miller	H. G. Hoare	A. N. Lindsay	William H. Coote	J. Dan McDonald
Grand M. 2nd Veil	G. T. Bragg	T. H. Irvine	D. McKenzie	R. Powell	D. Thompson
Grand M. 3rd Veil	C. E. Macdonald	D. G. Campbell	R. C. MacDonald	Thos. Burnett	H. B. Jamieson
Grand M. 4th Veil	W. E. Lord	James Walker	E. E. Farley	J. A. MacDonald	A. W. Rosborough
Grand D. of C.	J. M. Empey	A. R. Yates	James Walker	F. S. Selwood	Geo. Simpson
Grand Organist	G. J. Davis	F. B. Cooper	Peter Walker	J. E. Hodgson	F. B. Cooper
Grand Pursivant	E. E. Farley	E. E. Farley	H. H. Fletcher	Joseph Longdon	Geo. Campbell
Grand Steward	Geo. McManus	F. R. Jelfs	W. E. Mercer	S. M. Fraser	F. S. Campbellson
Grand Steward	W. A. Mahaffy	Gaius Allen	D. W. McMillan	G. E. Hayward	A. Hayr
Grand Steward	G. L. Chesney	D. L. Murison	Gaius Allen	J. A. Neff	R. C. MacDonald
Grand Steward	J. S. Lambert	G. J. Davis	G. J. Davis	William Thompson	S. M. Fraser
Grand Janitor	Harvey Brock	R. C. Bruce	J. L. Johnston	Thos. Baird	Wm. Burns

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914 (Continued)

Grand Officers	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Grand Z.....	M. M. Downey.....	N. T. MacLeod.....	H. Darling.....	G. B. McLeod.....	W. T. Coote.....
Grand H.....	N. T. MacLeod.....	H. Darling.....	G. B. McLeod.....	W. T. Coote.....	J. E. Johnson.....
Grand J.....	H. Darling.....	W. T. Coote.....	W. T. Coote.....	J. E. Johnson.....	S. Middleton.....
Grand Scribe E.....	J. E. Johnson.....	J. E. Johnson.....	J. E. Johnson.....	E. G. Ironside.....	E. G. Ironside.....
Grand Scribe N.....	E. C. Dunlop.....	D. McIntosh.....	Jas R. Flan.....	Jas A. McGhee.....	J. W. Stephenson.....
Grand Prin, Sojourner.....	W. A. Mahaffy.....	Geo. B. MacLeod.....	Jas A. McGhee.....	R. G. Thomson.....	G. E. Cruickshank.....
Grand Treasurer.....	A. W. R. Markley.....	H. H. Fletcher.....	H. H. Fletcher.....	H. H. Fletcher.....	H. H. Fletcher.....
Grand Registrar.....	Jesse Elliott.....	Jos. G. Morris.....	G. F. Butler.....	R. C. Rankin.....	W. J. Haynes.....
Grand Senior Sojourner.....	W. J. Stephenson.....	W. C. Black.....	R. G. Thomson.....	Robt. Evans.....	C. R. Wentzel.....
Grand Junior Sojourner.....	J. J. Green.....	J. E. Rainard.....	Alex. McKee.....	A. G. Finch.....	James Cleave.....
Grand Lecturer.....	J. H. Argue.....	M. M. Downey.....	S. F. Patterson.....	E. C. Dunlop.....	E. C. Dunlop.....
Grand Sword Bearer.....	R. H. Struthers.....	W. D. Graham.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....	A. D. Campbell.....	Joseph Brown.....
Grand M. 1st Veil.....	G. E. Cruickshank.....	R. W. Manley.....	W. E. M. Holmes.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....	F. J. Folinsbee.....
Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	Harvey Brock.....	D. C. McKenzie.....	A. C. Sloane.....	D. S. Barcham.....	R. S. Davis.....
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	S. T. Fawcett.....	R. L. McIlveen.....	D. C. McDougall.....	P. R. Campbell.....	C. W. Coppock.....
Grand M. 4th Veil.....	D. McLean.....	J. B. Sutherland.....	E. C. Locke.....	Peter McLean.....	C. H. Russell.....
Grand D. of C.....	M. B. Peacock.....	J. H. Green.....	E. M. Cawker.....	J. W. Oakes.....	W. G. Evans.....
Grand Organist.....	W. A. Ackland.....	W. A. Ackland.....	W. A. Ackland.....	F. B. Cooper.....	F. B. Cooper.....
Grand Pursivant.....	D. A. Taylor.....	J. R. Flan.....	E. G. Lamb.....	A. G. Aldridge.....	P. D. Stone.....
Grand Steward.....	A. N. Saddington.....	G. F. Butler.....	Alex. H. Duff.....	F. A. McEwan.....	Geo. Patinson.....
Grand Steward.....	H. Macpherson.....	M. M. Steele.....	R. P. Umbrie.....	H. C. Ritchie.....	H. H. Humber.....
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CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1922

No	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z	Scribe E	Members Dec., 1921	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec., 1922	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	Frank Milne ..	J. N. Rankin ..	266	15	5	1	7	9	1	270	4	—	—
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	H. G. Morris ..	W. E. Hansford ..	280	9	—	3	13	34	6	239	—	41	—
3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	N. M. Conner ..	W. B. Stevens ..	171	10	—	3	4	—	2	178	7	—	—
4	Shelkna	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	J. B. McKerrow ..	Charles MacKay ..	149	10	4	1	2	—	—	162	13	—	—
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	W. B. Way	P. G. Thomas ..	123	2	1	4	2	1	—	127	4	—	—
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	F. B. Watson ..	Geo. D. Wallace ..	95	6	1	—	2	—	1	99	4	—	—
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Tuesday	John Arthur ..	John Allen	46	3	—	—	2	—	—	47	1	—	—
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	Tues. on or before new moon	H. D. McMillan ..	Dr. J. J. Gillespie ..	142	16	1	—	2	11	1	145	3	—	—
9	Otuskwaw	Calgary	1st Thursday	Charles Comba ..	J. J. Webster ..	79	1	—	2	3	3	1	75	—	4	—
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Wed. after full moon ..	L. M. Webster ..	T. W. Bates	106	2	1	1	2	3	—	105	—	—	—
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	J. H. McNeill ..	T. W. Matthews ..	147	3	—	—	—	—	3	147	—	—	—
12	Keystone	Red Deer	3rd Friday	Geo. H. Best	A. G. Ayres	284	21	1	—	14	—	4	288	4	—	—
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	R. H. Johnston ..	G. S. Armstrong ..	81	5	—	—	1	3	1	81	—	—	—
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	H. P. Long	J. W. G. Morrison ..	40	1	—	—	—	—	—	41	1	—	—
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	Wed. on or before new moon	Robt. Crichton ..	J. P. Delicate	37	1	—	—	1	—	—	36	—	—	—
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	Rev. W. C. Marsh ..	R. J. Simpson	75	—	2	—	4	—	—	73	—	2	—
17	Mt. Olivet	Killam	Wed. after new moon	James Mutch	John F. Hall	79	6	—	—	—	—	—	85	6	—	—
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	G. W. Potter	N. Toland	68	4	1	—	—	—	1	72	4	—	—
19	The Hiram	Youngstown	Mon. on or after full moon	W. S. Cummings ..	L. S. Crosby	55	5	—	—	—	1	—	58	3	—	—
20	Banff	Banff	Thursday after full moon ..	Thos. E. Wright ..	L. B. O. Ledwell ..	73	4	—	—	3	—	1	73	—	—	—
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	W. G. Evans	A. F. Brusso	41	7	1	—	2	—	—	47	6	—	—
22	Jos. Stauffer	Didsbury	Wed after full moon	H. M. Storey	O. D. Cochran	110	3	3	—	2	2	—	112	2	—	—
23	Coronation	Coronation	2nd Thurs. after full moon..	F. W. Keyte	W. H. Parker	—	15	24	—	—	—	—	39	39	—	—
24	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	H. C. Neal	F. W. Alexander	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Strathcona ..	So. Edmonton ..	1st Wednesday ..	Totals	—	2630	158	45	15	67	70	26	2685	105	50	55

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Address of Judge Morrison

Mr. Toastmaster and Brethren:

In spite of my long acquaintance with the Lodge-rooms of the craft, it is always with a feeling of diffidence that I bring myself to express my thoughts on Masonic matters even to the indulgent and charitable ears of our own mystic circle. Masonry is such an intimate thing, finding its abode in the secret places of the heart, one is so conscious of one's own failures to reach its ideals in one's own life, that it seems almost presumptuous to clothe oneself in the garments of instruction.

But tonight, sir, emboldened by your gracious words of introduction, and heartened by the thought that I speak to those to whom I am bound by ties deeper than speech itself, I have cast aside all such fears, that I may bring to your minds some aspects of today's debt to our Masonic past, a knowledge of which ought to be the proud possession of us all.

Those of you who may have been present at the last annual communication of our Grand Lodge at Edmonton and attended the banquet given by the local Lodges to the visiting brethren may recall that it fell to my lot to deliver an address to that gathering. What I had in mind when speaking on that occasion was briefly to suggest some contributions that Masonic teaching and practice had given to that up-flowing stream of religious, social and political thought, with respect particularly to shaping ideas of individual liberty and individual responsibility which lie at the very basis of our conception of modern government. I intended nothing more than to direct attention to this phase of that slow evolution from the dim gropings of the past by which the mind of man, often with failings and in bitter pain, won his path upward and prevailed, until he arrived at the position which we find crystallized into the accepted tenets which animate modern society and modern government today.

Obviously, so wide a survey, covering, as it needs must, centuries of time and the diverse life of every country which makes up our civilization of today, could not be more than indicated within the limits of a Lodge-room address. The merest glance, sufficient only to bring to our eyes a background embedded in tradition and formless legend, must suffice before we come to lay our hands on the solid stuff of historical fact. I then pointed out that very early around those mystic shrines and in those secret assemblies, which mark in dim outline the beginnings of our Lodges, must have appeared—if not as a definite code, at least as an unspoken creed—the ideas out of which gradually grew our conceptions of the individual's moral value and his birthright to personal and intellectual liberty and his coincident responsibility, together with their twin brother, fraternity. Emerging from those dim mists of antiquity and coming into the historically clearer air of the Dark Ages, we know that through this long night of centuries the divine spark of conscious human brotherhood glowed nowhere with more vital strength than among the brethren who held fellowship with our ancestral craft. In the succeeding epoch of the Middle Ages this undying fire flamed forth into an intensity of creative life which in the sublime art

of architecture alone expressed itself in memorials which in themselves are the emulous admiration, as they are the despair, of all succeeding craftsmen, and which today, even to muse or gaze upon, stirs us so profoundly that we in ourselves catch for a moment that divine monition which breathed into these still forms the very breath of everlasting life. There we have Operative Masonry at its full flower; but herein lies a fuller truth, for to me it seems that wherever in life you find the triumph of spiritual creation, you will, on deeper search, find the belief of the soul of which creation is but the expression. While primarily, then, the Guilds and Lodges of the Middle Ages concerned themselves with the tenets of our craft as an operative science, the noble memorials of that epoch of history which our ancestral brethren bequeathed to all succeeding ages as priceless legacies of deathless fame could only have come into being at the hands of men whose souls and spirits had been attuned to high conceptions of human and divine relationships. Moreover, only a very slight acquaintance with contemporary life and history, combined with an enquiry into the workings of these Guilds and Lodges and the spirit which animated them, will show that very great indeed must have been their contribution to the movement which showed itself in the free cities and communities of that period, out of which finally emerged those free republics of central Europe which first displayed to modern history the beginnings of democracy. A mighty ferment was working in the minds of all thinking men, bringing new conceptions of human relationships, of government, of man's duty to his fellow man and to the State. When you consider that no nursery was better fitted for the birth and growth of these ideas, or the practical application of them, than the Lodges of Operative Masonry during the Middle Ages, and when you consider that these Lodges had among their members some of the most fearless and original minds of the time, you begin to see how large must have been the contribution made by our ancient craftsmen to the upward movement for civil, religious and intellectual liberty and to the cause of political freedom.

If we set, roughly, the period of Henry VIII's reign, towards the last half of the 15th century, as marking the incoming of this tide, and forward into the spacious days of great Elizabeth, we find already scattered over England and Scotland at every centre of intellectual and industrial activity, Lodges of due and ancient form, outwardly of Operative Masonry, but carrying forward almost unconsciously that breathing, quickening spirit which shapes the humblest human task to higher ends than the common needs of the day.

Saint John's Day, 1717, is the date of the organization of the first Grand Lodge of England, and it is this date which, in Masonic history, marks the formal change from Operative to Speculative Masonry as the object and end of our institutions. But we must not fall into the error of thinking that the change was other than the legal recognition of what had long been taking place. Beginning in times long past when common aims in a common work were uppermost, from the very first the mind ranging free began to consider and to speculate on the higher and less material things of life, so that side by side with advancement in operative science came growth and development in the speculative field, until in the end Operative Masonry was but the shell in which was imprisoned the true spirit of Masonic truth.

If you will now cast your minds upon the period of history in Great Britain and Europe with which we have been dealing, you will see

here and there, now showing themselves, now disappearing only to reappear in perhaps different forms, but moved by the same impelling force, signs that the old order of society and the old conception of government and the individual's place in it were being questioned. Earlier by two centuries the great movement known to history as the Renaissance—a true rebirth, lifting the cold, dead hand of the Dark Ages—had swept over all Europe, manifesting itself in each nation according to the blood and temper of the race; in the Latin, as in Italy and in France, in the high spiritual ecstasy of poetry, music, painting and architecture; in the Germanic countries the colder northern mind turned the impulse to matters of dogmatic theology and the individual's relation to his God, and gave us the Protestant Reformation; while in the British Islands, the last to feel the enkindling fire, all these forces of man's nature found expression in the golden age of Elizabeth, whose flower and fruit in every range of the human spirit are our chiefest heritage of today.

But since it is true that no form of religion which has yet appeared on earth has ever wholly died but lives on under changed form in its successor, so this mighty movement in losing the particular shape and form it had assumed, did not die as its waves dispersed themselves, but its impulse lived on, and when the wheel again came full circle towards the end of the 17th and on into the 18th centuries, the individual, his relation to his God, to his brother, to the social tie and to government, were the throbbing thoughts of men's minds.

Throughout all this ebb and flow, this crash of empires, this wreck of thrones, this fall of dynasties and rise of others, what, if any, was the part played by Masonry as a force in the lives of men? Directly, as an organized unit, giving its allegiance this way or that, none, I think. But herein the soul, the essence of the true function of Masonry, is shown to us, for it concerns itself not in the least with the mechanism of movements, progress or reform, but with the more fundamental and vital lesson of how chiefly shall a man take heed of his own inner growth that when he shall have run his course the record of this growth shall be its own justification.

Confronting the age of this time and struggling for utterance was that divine unrest of man's spirit which was to find expression in ways and forms varying with the race in which it stirred. As touching the outward and more obvious, its concern was with political and religious liberty and the supremacy of man considered as an individual. Its eruptive force found vent in the French revolution, noble in its inception, but stained in its later phases with the most infamous tyranny and bloody excess of the Reign of Terror; in the arms of this great movement was born the American Revolution, which, considering the nature and character of the English race, might almost be regarded as an episodal recurrence of what had often marked the historical development of that people; while in Great Britain itself this insurgent force diffused itself into all the arteries of national life, quickening, enlarging and animating it into that broad stream, which, now in full force, now running in shallows, has continued to the present day.

This great forward movement, for lack of a more comprehensive and accurate definition, may be termed the enthronement of democracy, and our business of the moment is to discover if the Masonic code of life has played any part in its establishment as an accepted principle of political government. In the France of this period it is not easy to

find a continued thread of Masonic history; but it is certain from the records of the times that Lodges claiming authorization from the Grand Lodge of England, which came into being in 1717, were in existence, and that these Lodges were banned by the Church and by the King, so that we may safely conclude from these two facts alone, that an institution which invited such a declaration of hostility from those quarters was in its teachings and practice regarded by them as friends of liberty, equality and fraternity. Here and there, too, in the earlier and purer days of the movement in France, you will find the names of men closely identified with its progress linked with the official records of Masonry, so that the examination of the evidence of this field leaves us with the conviction that the lessons of our craft operated to further the cause of liberality in human and political relations in that nation of Europe.

Coming to what was originally known as the American Colonies the record is much clearer. Among the early emigrants to these Colonies were many who had received initiation into English Lodges of Operative Masonry, and after the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 warrants commissioning subordinate Lodges in these colonies were issued to nearly all of what was to become the thirteen original States. If you call the roll of men whose lives make up the history of these colonies, who established their governments, laid the foundations of their civil and religious institution, fostered literature, art and commerce and later achieved political independence for their country, a search of the Masonic records of the times will disclose these names as foremost among our brethren. Washington, Franklin, Lafayette, Paul Revere, Jefferson, Morton, Warren, all pass by in glorious procession, telling by their actions as no words can tell that the spirit and teaching of Masonry as set forth in the lives of men is that by the soul can a nation be free and that in this freedom of the individual soul lies the basic truth upon which democracy is built. Pennsylvania was the first of the States to establish a regular Lodge of Speculative Masonry under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of England, and having Benjamin Franklin as its first Worshipful Master. This was in 1731, while Franklin became the first Grand Master of the State in 1735; while in the same year Warren, who was later to fall at Bunker Hill, was Grand Master for the State of Massachusetts. The records of every State yield the same ennobling story through all the years leading up to and culminating in the achievement of Independence whose Declaration is the handiwork of men to whom Masonry was of the very breath of their being, the whole fittingly crowned in 1793 by the splendid ceremonial of laying the corner stone of the Capitol with Masonic honors by George Washington, President of the newly-created commonwealth and Past Grand Master of its Masonic Lodges.

In Great Britain the same story is to be read in the long evolution which marks the gradual triumph of the principle that in the untrammelled, unfettered liberty of the individual, subordinated in his exercise of this great gift only to the greater ends of a common and accepted government, can be found the true basis of democracy's claim to be the fittest expression of political government. The names of those of our craft in the Motherland who have stood in the forefront to bring this high truth home to the hearts and minds of men are the names of those, whether of high or low degree, who in the last century and a half have been associated in English history with every movement for civil, religious, political and intellectual liberty. From the ranks of Trade Unionism to the palaces of Royalty, in the Houses of Parliament

and in the venerable Halls of Justice, the mystic tie of our craftsmanship has bound all to a common allegiance of brotherhood and a common fealty of ideals.

The purpose of this brief glance backward is to call to mind that the great captains whose lives stand as proud memorials in the progress of the race in the past two centuries have in many cases been equally zealous and devoted brethren, and since the craftsman's rule of life and conduct is essentially a personal thing, touching the innermost fibres of his soul, it is the influence of this undying fire radiating from its source which would determine his attitude of mind to the wider problems of every-day life. Consequently, we may justly assume that while as an organization Masonry has not lent itself to champion any cause, a craftsman, if he has laid well to heart its teachings so that they have become part of his stock of moral ideas, will find himself enrolled in every movement for social, religious, political and intellectual freedom, and, thus equipped, he becomes, in virtue of his very attitude toward life, an incarnation of true democracy. For what is democracy? In this loose-thinking phrase-making, phrase-following age, ever swift to run after the most loudly-shouted shibboleth, is there any word charged with such high and priceless import so basely used to attain ends in themselves the very negative of democracy? Shall I be wrong in saying that to most the word connotes only one thing—a numerical superiority of numbers, forgetting that a majority in itself signifies nothing other than the acceptance of its decree as a working rule by which the business of life shall be carried on, a decree that must be obeyed, not because it carries any inherent moral authority, but because as a member of society you must abide by its working rules.

There never was a time more perilous for true democracy, or a time when it was more necessary to have a clear conception of what is its true nature? Fundamentally, it has to do with the individual, and its chief demand is that he be true to himself, for if this be made sure, no matter what badge you give your form of government, or by what machinery you give expression to its voice, the fruit you gather will be the fruit of democracy. Today wild tongues are loose in every land, each asserting that it alone speaks truth and by its message only may truth be known. With frantic boast and foolish word they rush to and fro proclaiming with loud insistence that they are the messengers of a new faith and the only true evangelists of democracy. Catchwords put forward in the name of, and bearing the badge of, democracy are the most dangerous forms of half truths and have been in all ages the ready refuge of the tyrant, the despot, the lawless agitator and the designing demagogue. They do not know in what true democracy consists; they forget that, in the strictest and most fundamental sense, democracy is not a form of government, but it is, if I may so phrase it, the assertion of the inherent dignity of human nature expressing itself in forms of governments, and its strength lies not in the uniformity of its mass but in the completeness and diversity of its individual units; and while, no doubt, there are many ways in which you may offend your God, to me it has always seemed that one of the gravest and closely akin to the black sin of blasphemy itself is the failure of the individual to develop to the highest reach the powers which may have been reposed with his own soul.

In the light of what I have said, consider, then, the worth of our craft's contribution to that stream of forces which has made for man's intellectual and political freedom and those truer notions of social and moral responsibility which we hold today; and when you observe

that Masonry is not a religion of dogmas, not a creed or sect, that it formulates no ritual of life nor asserts any principle of civil government, you have to hand at once the reason why the name of no one man stands out upon its scroll of history, for institutions of which these are the fruit are but the lengthened shadow of some prophet, priest or king, while it concerns itself not with forms which change and perish, but with the growth, expansion and development of the individual soul, believing that here lies the true source of health and strength in society, and here abides that breathing, quickening spirit which controls with growing sway the growing life of man.

Tonight we look upon a sore, a sick and a troubled world, scarce knowing our own ills or where to look for a healer. Many suffering from the grey disenchantment of the great world-catastrophe and the disillusionment of perished ideals can see nothing but the collapse of civilization and the night coming on. But to me these seem to forget that our civilization in its slow climb upward—a climb so slow that centuries are but as the tale of years of recorded history—has again and again met with shock and disaster till all that had been achieved by generations of men seemed to lie in dust and ashes; and that our present upheaval differs only in degree but not in kind. But out of these de-thronements of the past we have again and again risen to heights each of greater splendour as more and more the sanctity and perfection of the individual has been the concern of mankind. It is here, by strengthening the fibres of individualism through the subtle installation of its gifts of the spirit, that the teachings of our Masonic faith can most nobly and truly aid the forces fighting for our national recreation; but let no man suppose, be he ever so wise or virtuous or high in the places of men's fame, that he can confer any honour or dignity upon Masonry by giving his name to her rolls. Only by shaping his life to her ideals can he win her renown and crown himself in the ample fulness of her gifts. Her high rewards lie not in the material things of life but in the enrichment of that inner self from which flows the strength to control passion, ennoble desire and shape life's actions to the service of your brother, and through him to all the needful children of men.

"That so man's mind
Not conquered by his clay, may sit above his fate,
Inhaling the very purpose of the stars,
And trade with his eternity."



APPENDIX

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE

ON

CORRESPONDENCE

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To the M. E. the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Your committee on Fraternal Correspondence submit a brief review in topical form of the various proceedings of Grand Chapters which have reached us during the past year. Having in mind that this report was prepared primarily for the companions of our own jurisdiction and also our limit as to space, we feel that many interesting topics have been omitted which we gladly would otherwise have included in this brief report. We feel, however, that the selections included herein will be a source of much information as well as inspiration to the companions, and we trust will be the means of a more widespread interest being taken in this most important branch of Freemasonry and encourage the companions to strive to live more closely in accordance with its ideals.

The matter of conferring degrees upon large classes of candidates at one time is being generally frowned upon. It is felt that, in order to confer the degree in the most impressive manner, the number receiving the same at one time should be limited, and, if possible, no candidate should receive more than one degree in one evening. Greater effort is being made to instruct the companions in the work of each degree before being advanced to a higher degree, thus recognizing the fact that every candidate is entitled to have each degree conferred upon him in the most impressive manner and to be fully instructed so that he may subsequently be able to pass a creditable examination and do justice, not only to himself, but also to the mother Chapter of which he is a member.

Your committee have made copious extracts from the many excellent addresses delivered by the distinguished companions of other jurisdictions, in the hope that our readers may have a wider and loftier conception of what Capitular Masonry stands for.

While Capitular Masonry offers further inducement to those who have toiled for a number of years in Craft Masonry and have passed the chair, more encouragement has, in later years, been given to the younger companions to have an active share in officering the Chapter. More and more the companions are realizing that in order to retain the interest of their companions they must give them something definite to do, either on committee or on the floor of the Chapter.

The question of physical perfection is a perennial one. The general conclusion seems to be that Royal Arch Chapters should not confer degrees on candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from literally conforming to the requirements of our ceremonies.

Anything tending towards frivolity during the conferring of a degree is now being condemned and everything eliminated which would tend to detract from a proper impression being made upon the candidate.

We are also pleased to observe that Grand Jurisdictions generally are insisting upon a uniformity of work in the various Chapters of their jurisdiction.

From the various sources of information received by your committee, we have every reason to believe that Capitular Masonry has

made a decided step in advance during the past year and that its future outlook for greater usefulness is becoming brighter year by year.

Fraternally submitted,

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J. F. JOHNSON.

EXTRACTS FROM ADDRESSES

What, it may be asked, is the scope and intention of Royal Arch Freemasonry, and what is its tendency and what should be its outcome? Put very briefly, its scope and intention is the cultivation of character, its tendency is to better equip us for the battle of life, and its outcome should be an increased efficiency that will enable us to render better service in the cause of suffering humanity. The impressive teachings of the Royal Arch Degree are well calculated to stir the emotions and increase our faith. To the thoughtful mind its lessons are of lasting value and are closely identified with the lofty ideals of all who would earn the right to wear the white flower of a blameless life. Rightly understood and practiced, they become a guiding force in our lives, teach us the meaning of life's duty and how to build the "house beautiful"—human character. If we have grasped and laid to heart the moral instruction conveyed by them they become a great incentive to right living, as the realisation naturally follows that consistency of life and action is required of us. Their value is not to be measured solely by the feelings created within us, but by the practical results that follow. By the Israelites of old the religion of Jehovah was to be manifested in everyday life, and so should the great and fundamental principles of our time-honoured institution exercise an influence, a moving and directing power, upon our actions in the trivial round, the common task of everyday life, practice being better than precept and conduct better than creed.

Applying to our hearts the moral of our ceremonies, and having engrafted the law of God in our hearts, we become conscious of our close connection with that sacred source from whom all comforts flow, and learn obedience, submission, contrition, and humility, and are actuated by a friendship, a union, a zeal and a purity of heart that brings all the latent possibilities of our inmost being to actualised power and influence. We are stimulated and inspired to higher aspirations, the better side of our life is developed, a new pity for suffering humanity is awakened within our hearts, and a more earnest desire to make sacrifices for the common good manifests itself in that charity which is the bond of perfectness. Consequently we realise that a regard for others is imperative—that their errors and sorrows must be shared in sympathy. In our everyday contact with the world the follies and frailties of humanity afford us an opportunity of promoting happiness by "little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love" and of correcting irregularities by advice, admonition, and reproof. To live a life of love to our fellowmen should be our constant aim. Love is never lost; even if not reciprocated it will flow back and soften and purify our hearts, so that "we will find as we look back upon our lives that the moments that stand out, the moments when we have really lived, are the moments when we have done things in a spirit of love.

As memory scans the past, above and beyond all the transitory pleasures of life there leap forward those supreme hours when we have been enabled to do unnoticed kindnesses to those round about us, things too trifling to speak about, but which we will feel have entered into our eternal life."

Companions, with all the enthusiasm of our common comradeship let us strive to live up to our high ideals and welcome the opportunities afforded us of serving God and humanity. May we ever practice the law of love and of service, and "lend the hand whenever and wherever we can to all others in their striving for the same life that we find is the better part, and as the influence, the help of example, is greater always than the kind intentions of precept, every strong though struggling life becomes the greatest possible help to others. There can be no real happiness without helpfulness."

Think truly, and thy thoughts
 Shall the world's famine feed;
 Speak truly, and each word of thine
 Shall be a faithful seed;
 Live truly, and thy life shall be
 A great and noble creed.

Inspired by a spirit of love to man as well as to the Chief Architect and Master Builder, deeply conscious of our own frailty and feebleness, and confessing we can do no good thing without the special protection of Him from whom all good actions and just counsels proceed, may we each steadily persevere in the practice of every moral and social virtue and earnestly cultivate the moral qualifications for the New Jerusalem and the real life—the life beyond the grave

Where transplanted human worth
 Shall bloom to profit
 Throughout the mighty ages of eternity.

—*New Zealand*, 1922.

So long as we maintain that unity and unanimity of purpose within our ranks, we need have no flourishing trumpets to proclaim our existence, we require no specious advertisements or meretricious allurements to attract others, but our Order *must* progress, because the influences of the collective life of the Chapters and the individual example of its members, will be an irresistible attraction to all men of cultivated mind, sound judgment and strict morals to enrol their names on our list, and knock at our portals, and, guided by, and founded on, such sure foundation, the New South Wales Order of Royal Arch Masons must make satisfactory progress as the days, weeks and months roll by.

—*New Zealand*, 1920.

All sorts of right lives are worth while; the world, especially just now, needs them all. It needs the upright, kind, uneducated man or woman just as it needs the upright, kind educated one. It needs the brave invalid as much as the valiant soldier. Where ever a man or

woman is, his or her life, if lived rightly, *counts*, and will have its reward. As Ruskin says—

“What we think, or what we know, or what we believe, is in the end of little consequence. The great thing that matters is what we *do*.”

And if the world at large, and we as individuals, are striving ever against difficulty and opposition to build our characters on right lines, let us remember as Rutherford, an eminent Mason said —

“The school of suffering is a preparation for the King’s higher houses. God’s hammering of you from time to time is only to make you a fair carved stone in the high upper Temple.”

A Swedish Mason wrote this—

It matters little where I was born,
Whether my parents were rich or poor,
Whether they shrank from the cold world’s scorn.
Or walked in the pride of wealth secure.
But whether I live an honest man,
And hold my integrity firm in my clutch,
I tell you brother, plain as I am,
It matters much.

—*New South Wales, August 1920.*

I am not gifted as some of the literary men of the ages. I have not a mint of phrases in my brain, nor a fund of hyperboles, allusions, quotations, synonyms and antonyms, nor have I the gift of oratory. There was a little negro who gave a definition of oratory. I think it was a good definition. It seems that some great man amongst the negroes had spoken, and they were talking about that great speech. One of them says, “What is an orator, nohow?” The other said, “You don’t know what an orator is? It’s this way: If I say, two and two makes four, I would not be an orator, but if I was to say: ‘When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to take an integer denomination, the results, sir, I say it without fear of successful contradiction, the result, sir, am four,’ I is an orator.” That is about all some oratory is, just two ways of saying two and two makes four.

—*South Carolina, 1922.*

During the war, perfervid patriotism developed into a splendid self sacrifice, but at its close the immense sums of money which appeared to be floating easily about, would seem to have excited the cupidity of many, with the result that while some have been endeavouring to grab it by any means, legitimate or otherwise, others have become demoralised in spending it extravagantly, and the net result, to the observant mind, has been a lowering of the moral standard, and a laxity in men’s obligation to God, to their neighbor and to themselves.

How are we who are members of this Supreme Order, founded on the sacred and ineffable name of The Most High, meeting this situation, is a question we ought to ask ourselves.

Shall it not be by a quiet and unobtrusive example of fraternity

to men, hallowed by being founded on the Fatherhood of God. By a cultivation and encouragement of a gift of Divine love implanted in every man's heart, which, so cultivated, will develop into a constant consideration for our fellows, and a quiet appreciation and drawing out of the best in them. A great teacher said "owe no man anything, but to love one another," and a poet has put this thought into these words:—

I give to every man his right
As in my Heavenly Father's sight
With word and deed sincere
As one who owns the Sacred name,
I guard my honor free from blame,
I keep my conscience clear.

— *New South Wales, May, 1920.*

Masonic nobility of character should be measured, not by the number of degrees taken but by the manner in which these degrees are exemplified to the world at large. The great purpose of life is the cultivation of character, and anything that is calculated to advance that end, we are bound to zealously encourage, and those things which hinder it must be thrust aside. The injection into the Lodge business proceedings of a spirit of unselfishness and a devotion to the high principles of the craft will not only save the communications from becoming a meaningless routine, deepen the interest of members, and insure the prosperity of the movement, but will do much to promote goodness and truth.

— *Wyoming, 1922.*

Masonry is a constructive, practical and fraternal brotherhood. As religion is the exemplification of the Fatherhood of God, so Masonry is the exponent of the Brotherhood of Human Beings.

We are constructive because we are builders. Not merely builders of buildings and edifices, but builders of character, love of home and moral progress and purity. We are constructive because we believe in education, and education together with religion will finally overcome ignorance, crime and moral delinquency. When every one of the three million Masons fully realize and recognize their obligation to our Order, and to the work, then a new light will dawn and true fraternalism will be so manifested throughout the world as to force the right thinking men to join forces with Masonry and the Church to combat and overcome evil. Let us emulate the greatest of all exponents of Fraternalism, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Man; and promulgate throughout the world the True principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Let us not be content so long as one lone boy or girl remains unprotected for; till every Masonic brother or his dependent ones are protected against want and suffering in their old age; till every crippled child is given that expert treatment that will make their life a joy and not a living misery; till every unfortunate and downhearted brother is comforted, every widow aided and every orphan child properly protected.

Let Royal Arch Masons be proclaimed as doers and not dreamers.

— *North Carolina, 1922.*

We Masons should be optimists—gatherers of happy days—with faith and confidence—*fide et fiducia*—holding to the anchor of hope—never lonely because never without life companionable—not an exclusive society of idealists, or traditionalists, but a closely united band of public-spirited, red-blooded men in a world of men,—yet men with vision clarified—sometimes scaling the heights but not scorning the valleys. We realize ourselves in action,—more in joint action and expression—there has been too much repression. There is a time for silence—a time for speech. Let us feed Public Opinion with good thoughts—clear thoughts and kind deeds—worthy deeds. If we fail or falter in this, the enemy that walketh in darkness will feed it with bad thoughts and evil deeds. If we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another, as our own St. John writes: “I, John, who also am your brother and Companion”—so let us bring our work—our thoughts—up for inspection in God’s sunlight—sharing the best each with the other—all for each and each for all. Silence is golden at times—but God has given us the English tongue—spoken by 180 millions,—to express virile sentiments—stabilizing—helpful. Be fruitful and multiply is a command which all Masons as good citizens should heed,—for

This is our heritage
And here we do engage
Each man unto his son
Intact to pass it on—

M. E. Comp. Ponton, Canada, 1922.

The other is the continued predilection shown by a few members for dabbling as *Masons*—in certain extraneous Orders, which meritorious as some of them undoubtedly are in and by themselves (their philanthropy is altogether admirable), have nothing to do with pure Masonry—least of all with the Royal Craft. Remember it is only when members associate themselves with these organizations (male or female) in their *character and capacity of Brother Masons*, that we have a right to complain and if need be to discipline. Surely the thirst for official outside honours cannot influence members of our Craft. If we work while we work and play while we play, Masonry itself in our Lodges and Chapters can give us ample opportunity for the evolution and development of our talents and gifts. If not, let our Lodges and Chapters feel the pangs of birth and the joy of Motherhood and create more Lodges and more Chapters which will add new zeal to work—new zest to play. We dissipate the strength of the Brotherhood of solidarity by multiplying our distractions—alluring though they be, and some fruitful of good results—but they are not Masonry. The time given to these “side issues” by Brethren and Companions would, if devoted to our Lodges and Chapters, make and keep them reservoirs of light and delight—a joy forever—as Brother Chaucer wrote “The lyfe so short, the Crafte so long to lerne.”

Canada, 1922.

May it not be that it is the Mission of Freemasonry as a whole, and the body of Royal Arch Masonry in particular, to stem the tide of anarchy and hatred which threatens to overwhelm society, by the display of those social and Masonic virtues, and principles of Brotherhood, which our Order is intended and is well calculated to unfold:

by the practice of charity of thought, of unselfish fraternity, of looking for and encouraging the latent virtues of our fellows, by fanning into active flame that vital spark of the Divine love with which every mortal is endowed. Ever bearing in mind that the desire of the Bolsheviks and other kindred spirits is to *destroy*, and that this desire for destruction is the child of hatred, let us adopt a constructive policy, building (on the great foundation of Divine Love to all creation, as expressed in the Fatherhood of God), a superstructure of love to mankind, and thus strive to reflect the principle expressed by the poet—

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea,
There's a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty,
For the Love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind,
And the Heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

To such a task of Godlike service I commend the Companions of this Most Exalted Order, and conclude with the exhortation that, in all our dealings with our fellow men, we practice the three great virtues enunciated by a great teacher of old—

In things essential—Unity.
In things doubtful—Liberty.
In all things —Charity.

*S. Scott Young, Grand Z.
New South Wales, 1921.*

Our relations with the United States of America have not been in all respects satisfactory, but the majority of the Grand Chapters still maintain friendly relations, and we are even in informal correspondence with the General Grand Chapter. With New Zealand we have a discussion in hand, but the friendliest of feeling. With Queensland we have to face the fact that they are establishing a Grand Chapter of their own, and it is probable that our Daughter Chapters there are going to join in this. Well, much as we regret losing them—we regret this exceedingly—at the same time it will not be right to prevent them doing what they think is the proper course, and by this momentary severance we are perhaps, really paving the way to a greater union. Then in New South Wales we have by far the largest number of Chapters as Scottish Chapters, very enthusiastic and very loyal. My brother, Proxy District Grand Representative of New South Wales, is with us tonight and he is full of information and he will perhaps talk to you some more on that subject later. Then in Tasmania we are very successful, but we are just losing the services of that excellent Mason, Companion Ashbolt, who has resigned office as Grand Superintendent on his being appointed Agent-General in London for Tasmania. In Western Australia we have one or two Chapters which still adhere to us and who are extremely loyal and intelligent. With Canada we are on the best of terms. Most of the Chapters in the United States are still on terms of friendship with us, and the only point of difficulty is with regard to our Chapter in the Philippine Islands which we can hardly afford to desert, but which will undoubtedly, in due time, be absorbed in a Grand Chapter within these Islands. I think if Supreme Grand Chapter had only known the full facts at the beginning

of 1913, it would not have granted that charter there; but the facts were a bit confusing, because although no American Blue Masonry body claimed supremacy over the Philippines, at the same time this General Grand Chapter of America did, and apparently we were wrong in not recognising its claims at the time. With regard to South America, not only have we retained our own Chapters there but there is a prospect in the near future of other ones being organised. With regard to Asia Minor, there is a strong possibility of the Chapter at Smyrna being resumed and even another one being started at Beyrut. It is in immediate prospect to visit the Chapters in Spain and the Mediterranean and to consecrate the new Chapter at Tangier. I am looking forward to this with great pleasure, especially as we are going to meet such excellent Masons there as Companion General MacLachlan, who has done such yeoman service, and Companion Captain Maxwell Anderson. Strong representations have been made from various points overseas, such as Trinidad and South Africa, and also from India, with regard to some personal visitation of these Chapters, and it might be a great incentive to their work if a deputation went. Well, it might be an incentive to their work, but at the same time I don't know that it would improve our work, at least as far as expenses are concerned, because since the war, as you know, fares have gone up about three times, and I think we would have to wait till fares came down considerably before we even thought of it. I think in this connection it is a most unfortunate thing that fares and freights have gone up so much, because it stops this inter-communication which is so necessary for the welfare of the Empire.

Scotland, 1922.

We meet today under conditions very different from those which existed one year ago. A period of unprecedented prosperity came to an abrupt end in the autumn of 1920, and was succeeded by an era of hard times. In an agricultural section where cotton is the staple product, and in a State whose population is eighty-four per cent. rural, the prevailing low price of cotton, and the stringent financial conditions resulting, have caused many hardships. Cotton produced at a cost of twenty-five cents per pound cannot now be sold for half of that amount. With bills for 1920 still unpaid, and expenses for 1921 to be incurred, with a supply of cotton carried at an increasing loss, the e are the times that try the mettle of a man.

There are those who profess to believe that the trouble of the present crisis is merely psychological; that men lost confidence in men, and that the impaired confidence shook the foundations of credit, upon which we are accustomed to do business. They admonish us to have faith in our fellows, to celebrate "prosperity week," and to commence buying again.

There are others who hold that an economic crisis is produced, controlled or ended by the operations of the simplest and most elementary laws of political economy. Reduce the cotton acreage, plant food crops and feedstuffs, work and save, they tell us, and so comply with the condition of the inexorable law of supply and demand.

I cannot help believing that both of these groups of well-meaning advisers are partly right, and greatly wrong. I believe that we as a Nation and as a people have lost our sense of values, and have come to think far too largely of material prosperity. We have become so

engrossed in the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the pursuit of our favorite phantoms, that like Israel of old we have waxed fat, grown thick, and been covered with fatness; then we forsook God who made us, and lightly esteemed the Rock of our salvation.

And it would seem that the events of the past four years have been big with portentous warning. The Great War; the awful scourge of epidemic influenza; the ravages of the boll weevil, bringing a prosperous people to poverty and distress; and the present financial emergency consuming the accumulated savings of many years, and appointing the next generation to a life of labor, hardship and self-denial. When will we learn that we must shape our course back to God along the shining wake by which we came away from Him! Drifting is easy, and we have drifted far. We need some prophet to summon us back to our ancient moorings, some "rapt Isaiah's wild seraphic fire" with the dramatic and sensational message of Maher-shalal-hash-baz, some son of Zacharias from the wilderness, to tell us of the axe laid unto the root of the tree.

Let us remember, beloved Companions, that the motto of Royal Arch Masonry is "Holiness to the Lord" and in following this ideal let us not cease.

"to pray Almighty God that He may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to purpose only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with His will."

Only in this spirit may we hope for a religious awakening—the supreme need of America today.

*Grand H. P. Address, 1921,
South Carolina.*

For many years in the not very remote past Wisconsin Masonry was cold, formal and idle—a field of idle, floating ice. But thanks to "that Great and Good Being from Whom all good things do come" there have arisen in Wisconsin, some big, broad-minded men—men of wide horizon and clear vision who, during the past three or four years, have been consistently and persistently preaching the gospel that Masons have other duties to perform than to sit behind locked doors and closed window blinds and confer degrees. The work of these splendid apostles of this new movement is seen and felt throughout this great state. The seeds they have sown have budded, blossomed and brought forth fruit to enrich and bless the Craft everywhere. The work they have done and are still doing will live long after they are laid away in their little narrow beds. Wisconsin Masons are coming to realize that our beloved Craft teaches, and true devotion to its principles requires, that we must be a force for righteousness along every line of human endeavor, whether social, political, civic or religious. There are many grave and serious problems staring us in the face: the spirit of lawlessness is evident everywhere; the shocking increase of crime; the plain and obvious efforts of red conspirators to overthrow our government by force; the protection and preservation of our common schools along old fashioned lines; the strained relations between

labor and capital; the efficient and economical administration of federal, state and municipal government; the preservation of the Christian religion; and the establishment of friendly and affectionate relations not only among ourselves but among all our citizens—these and many other questions we must help to solve correctly. Your government is entitled to your very best services in helping to solve these serious and difficult problems. We must help solve them in a courageous and intelligent manner. We are not only to help our own brethren in the solution of these problems, but we must help also the great body of our citizens who are not of us. No body of men in the world is better equipped to study and correctly solve these problems than the Masonic body, embracing, as it does, within the boundaries of our beloved country, nearly three million of its best citizens. If we are to make “darkness light and crooked things straight” we must have an intelligent comprehension of the questions involved and a courageous determination to follow the truth wherever it leads. We must be able to clearly discern between true light and darkness and between crooked and straight things. Selfishness and personal preferment must have no place with us. We must be sure that our attitude on all these great questions is the right attitude. We must each remember that the duty cast on us in these relations is personal and individual and one that cannot be shifted. We must understand that in solving these questions we must be big enough and broad enough to see beyond the smoke of our own chimney. We must realize that the burden of a decent, righteous government rests on each of us personally and individually.

Wisconsin, 1922.

THE KING SOLOMON FREEMASON

By the “King Solomon Freemason” is meant that credulous man who swallows every fable, myth, tradition and Masonic gossip, as actual facts and history

He believes that King Solomon was the first Grand Master, and that the two Saints John were Master Masons, and that the Fraternity of Freemasons was actually organized and founded by King Solomon, and that we are still using the ritual that he prepared. He fails utterly to grasp the symbolism and beauty that lies underneath it all. Freemasonry to such is a mere secret society, with certain mysterious signs, grips and words. He is proud to be a member of this “great and ancient secret society” with its wonderful secrets of giving correctly certain words, taking certain steps, and passing through a gymnastic exercise called signs. His Masonic conception does not rise any higher than that of the primitive man who formed and to whose age belongs the “secret society”. The conception that Freemasonry is not a “secret society,” but a brotherhood has not dawned in his intelligence, and that signs, steps and grips are mere incidentals; perhaps, useless remnants of its evolution. It is fortunate that the “King Solomon Mason” is slowly, too slowly, disappearing from our lodges. Happy will it be when we can exultantly say: “Requiescat in pace.”

The philosophical Freemason is the one who is ever up in the clouds whose feet never touch the ground, who is forever lost in a fog bank of metaphysical speculation; often erudite, scholarly and broad in his sympathies, but so interested in attempting to solve what he thinks is the riddle of the universe, that mother earth and the mortals who

dwell thereon are forgotten. He chases the digit, three, five, seven, and nine, around the world, becomes entangled in his triangles, cubes, and rectangles, until humanity is forgotten, and as it was said of the Greek philosophers, they were so interested in metaphysical abstractions that they overlooked the hungry that lay dying at their door.

It is said that the most dangerous man with a revolver, next to a bandit, is a policeman. It may also be said that the most dangerous man in the intellectual and moral universe, is a Freemason with a symbol. He can see in it and through it more things than were ever dreamed of by ordinary mortals. But the philosophical Freemason is useful, as he may set the "King Solomon Mason" to thinking --which is something he never did before.

The third class, and I rejoice that the number is increasing with wonderful strides, is the intellectual and practical Freemason. He is a reading, thinking, studious Freemason, who sees in it, above all things else, the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man; who will use his knowledge, however meagre or great, for practical ends. Who sees in Freemasonry a brotherhood, dependent and interdependent, who believes and practices that humanity needs less of abstract, philosophical cobwebs, and theological dogma, but more of cheer; less of Egyptian Rites, now mummified, but more of good will; less imaginary symbols, but more of love; less of "tithes of mint and anise and cumin," but more of mercy, faith, and charity; who will recognize, whatever his creed may be, more fully the beautiful life and teachings of Him, who "was set as a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel."

The world is waiting for the practical application of the principles of Freemasonry of which we so much boast and extol, to existing conditions in every nation and peoples on earth. Let the pragmatic test be made of Freemasonry by vindicating its claims to the onlooker, by producing intellectual and moral growth, by contributing to the political, the ethical, the educational, and to the spiritual power of the nation. What has and is Freemasonry doing? is the all absorbing question. What answer can Capitular Freemasonry give to this question?

Gen. G. H. Priest Wm. F. Ruhn

Greater today than ever before comes the call that every man should be the keeper of his brother-man. Be helpful, for helpfulness of man to man is a true part of our human nature.

The care one takes of his own life is but half the battle. The teachings of the Craft demand that we fill out time with positive service and good for others. Just as far as we possess the ability and just as far as chance permits, we must protect and help the lives of other people.

"No man has come to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to his race, and that what God gives him He gives him for mankind."

How true to the lessons of the Royal Craft, and if we would be happy and true to them we must write our name in loving deeds of

kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of those we meet in the walks of life. There can be no real happiness without helpfulness.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
 Shall the world's famine feed;
 Speak truly, and each word of thine
 Shall be a faithful seed;
 Act truly, and thy act
 Shall be a living deed;
 Live truly, and thy life shall be
 A great and noble creed

C. D. Vanderlieth, Nevada, 1922.

Last year I referred to the relatively small number of Master Masons proceeding to the Royal Arch Degree, and the advantage that would accrue to Capitular Masonry if a proper knowledge of it were disseminated by its members. Without apology or further explanation, I would repeat the suggestion. Let every Companion, on becoming proficient as a Royal Arch Mason, properly advise his Master Mason friends, and profit and pleasure will be the result.

Let us refer for a moment, before concluding, to two of the great objects of Masonry—knowledge and friendship, the obtaining of information and the development of acquaintanceship. Education, with its branches extending into the spiritual as well as the mental realm, is a wonderful thing, but lasting intimacy and friendship is even more wonderful. Just here let me dwell for a moment on a word peculiar to the Royal Craft—the expression “Companion.” The word “brother” may refer to blood relationship, but a “companion” is of a man's own choosing. Companionship embraces many wonderful characteristics, and out of companionship flows knowledge and friendship. When our Chapters have realized in the fullest sense the great value of Companionship they will have gone far in attaining the great objects of our Institution. Cherish our Order for itself and see that it is never treated as a mere stepping-stone for another goal.

Quebec, 1922.

The future of Masonry does not lie alone in the increase in numbers, but in the dissemination of Masonic principles throughout the world.

The great function of Masonry is to raise mankind to a higher realization of the beauties of truth; the perfection of Divine Truth.

To make this world a fit abiding place for those being created in the image of the Divine.

And, Companions, let us pause and consider for a moment. Have we as a Fraternity done all in our power to achieve the noble purposes and attain the high ideals of our beloved Institution? Have we as individual Masons given that service for the welfare and advancement of our fellowmen which we are taught should be the duty of every true Mason?

I fully realize that much has been accomplished in the past, much is being done at present; but I believe that we are capable of still greater things in the future. There has never been a time when strong men were more needed in national and civic life than today.

Men who are not afraid to stand for that which is right and who dare openly combat that which is wrong. Where can we hope to find such men, if not in the ranks of our Great Fraternity?

If the lessons we have received in Masonry have made the intended impression on our hearts and consciences and inspired us to the exemplification of those principles in our lives, then indeed are we better enabled to fulfil the duties we owe to God, our country, our neighbors and ourselves.

Illinois, 1922.

I cannot understand how Masons can, as they sometimes seem to, forget the Great Name. We Royal Arch Masons must not only maintain the standard, but we should also strive to strengthen, elevate and fortify the public opinion of the world as well as the truths of Masonry. With all reverence, let us realize that it requires two men and God to make a Mason. God help us if we forget the Fatherhood of God while talking so much about the liberty, equality, fraternity of the Brotherhood of Man.

M. E. Comp. Ponton at New York.

CLUBS

That the forming of Clubs with monthly payments, thereby securing the initiation fees for the Club members *seriatim* and chosen by lot, be emphatically forbidden, as being prejudicial to the dignity of Royal Arch Masonry.

Maryland.

LOYALTY

Be it Resolved, That from the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, the purposes, teachings and functions of Ancient Craft Masonry have never varied nor changed, nor have its ancient landmarks ever been moved, and that therefore no other order or fraternity has the right or authority to exploit the order or its membership, or to attempt to direct its activities, or to assume to announce its policies, and although the individual Mason has the right to unite with any lawful organization, this body deplores and denounces any attempt to make it appear that Masonry has any connection with any other fraternity, order, or business organization, insurance corporation, society or association.

Georgia, 1922.

PERENNIAL OFFICERS

There is another matter concerning which I hesitate to speak. I am not unaware that some of the best Chapters in the State have been officered by the same persons, or practically the same persons, for a number of years. I have noticed that in practically every Chapter where the work and spirit of the Chapter is at low ebb, the officers lethargic and negligent, and where the Chapters are all but dead, the

Companions officering these Chapters in nearly every instance have been in office for years. While long-term officers may not intentionally discourage the activities of the newer and younger members, yet the younger members and eligible Master Masons, who would probably add life and enthusiasm to the organization, feel that they are not wanted either as members or officers. Chapters having available material, in my opinion, should practice rotation in office and give the younger men and competent Companions, who have not been officers, an opportunity to become active in the Chapter.

Indiana, 1922.

DECISIONS

Whereas, I have been requested by the High Priest of Washington Chapter to rule upon the question as to whether the names of the investigating committee upon a Brother's petition for the Capitular degrees shall be read or spoken in open Chapter or placed upon the records of the meetings at which appointment is made or report considered.

It is hereby ruled, that in no way shall these names become known to the membership at large, but shall be only known by the High Priest, or Acting High Priest, the Secretary and the Committee itself.

Inasmuch as there has been a custom of making the committee membership a matter of general Chapter knowledge in some Chapters, it is directed that this communication be read at the next stated convocation of your Chapter, and spread upon your records; and the Grand High Priest informed that this action has been taken.

New Hampshire, 1922.

Lost Dimit.—A Companion holding a dimit from a Chapter accidentally lost the same and requested the Chapter issuing the same to issue to him a duplicate dimit. I was requested by the High Priest of the Chapter granting the dimit to decide whether a duplicate dimit could be issued to the Companion and my answer was, that the companion who had lost his dimit, must apply for affiliation to the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides, and when he had so applied a duplicate dimit could be issued and transmitted directly to the secretary of such Chapter.

This decision seems plainly in accord with the edict found on page 31 of the 1909 edition of our constitution; but it seems to me that a Companion who has been so unfortunate as to lose his dimit ought not to be obliged, in order to obtain a duplicate, to affiliate with the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides. The dimit is nothing more than written evidence of his having been a Chapter member, and the loss of it does not in any way affect his Chapter status. I can see no objection to authorizing a duplicate dimit to be issued to take the place of one that has been lost.

Wisconsin, 1922.

Opening and Closing, On What Degree.

At any convocation where work is done in any of the Capitular degrees, the proper practice is to open upon the highest degree in which

work is to be done, after which labor should be suspended in that degree, and a lodge opened on the lower degree, in which it is desired to work; after completing the work, that lodge should be closed in short form, and labor resumed on the higher degree, upon which higher degree the closing ceremony should be carried out in due form.

South Carolina, 1922.

If a charter of a Blue Lodge is arrested for any cause, does it in any way affect the members thereof, who are Chapter Masons, or affect the local Chapter?

Answer.—Under Edict 29, page 180 of Chapter Manual, 1920, "A Companion Royal Arch Mason, in good standing in his Chapter, has all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, notwithstanding the Lodge of which he was a member may have forfeited its charter; Provided, such Royal Arch Mason was in good standing in the Lodge at the time of such forfeiture;" and the forfeiture of the charter of the Blue Lodge does not in any manner affect the local Chapter.

Alabama, 1921.

Question.—Can a Master Mason after havin lost his right hand be admitted to the other Masonic degrees?

Answer.—A Master Mason who has lost his right hand cannot be admitted to the Capitular degrees. Section IX, subdivision II of our By-Laws provides that: "Every candidate for initiation must be of sound mind and capable of complying reasonably with the requirements as to the initiation ceremonies." A candidate who has lost his hand cannot comply with the requirements of initiation.

South Carolina, 1922.

Question.—I am High Priest ofChapter, No. and was a member of.Lodge, No..... but owing to a difference of opinion with.....Lodge I have taken my demit.

What I want to know is, how does this affect my standing in the Chapter, if I am not eligible to hold membership in the Chapter I will at once resign and take my demit from there, as I do not wish to place the Chapter in a wrong position.

Answer.—In accordance with the decisions of previous Grand High Priests of our Grand Chapter, I rule that a Royal Arch Mason being a Master Mason in good standing in a Blue Lodge, can demit from his Blue Lodge without affecting his standing in his Chapter. See Digest of Decisions (deBlois, 252, 1885). Also decision of Bingay, (33, 1909) who rules that a demitted Royal Arch Mason who has also demitted from his Blue Lodge may affiliate with a Chapter without affiliating with Blue Lodge.

You will, therefore, please notify E. Companion..... that his standing in.....Chapter is not affected by his demitting from.....Lodge and that he is perfectly eligible to hold his membership in his Chapter and perform his duties as High Priest.

Nova Scotia, 1922.

On September 14, 1921, I received a communication from E. Comp. Joseph Austin of Fernie, B.C., asking to restore the Charter of Crow's Nest Chapter No. 137, Grand Chapter of Canada, which had been surrendered by them in 1918. My answer to him was: "Whereas their Charter was arrested by the Grand Chapter of Canada they would have to apply to said Grand Chapter to restore same; but as Fernie was no longer under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, but under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, the Grand Chapter of Canada could not restore it. Neither could the Grand Chapter of British Columbia restore a Charter that was arrested by a foreign Grand Chapter."

I intimated, however, that if they would apply for a dispensation to form a new Chapter in the usual way they would receive every consideration from us. I am pleased to say that they acted on my suggestion, for on November 1st I received a petition signed by 26 companions to form a new Chapter there to be called "Cyrus." However, as there was a Chapter at Cumberland called "Cyrus" I requested them to choose another name which they did, deciding on the name "Mount Moriah."

I issued a Dispensation and requested R. E. Comp. Clark, Grand Superintendent of that district to institute, but on account of illness in the family he was unable to do so. On Feb. 7th, R. E. Comp. Sherwin, the Grand Second Principal, assisted by R. E. Comp. Galbraith, E. Comp. Stenson and E. Comp. Lawson, instituted Mount Moriah Chapter. Reports which I have had from this new Chapter indicate that it is in a flourishing condition.

British Columbia, 1922.

Is a man who has lost a leg, arm, foot, or a hand, and a Master Mason in good standing, eligible to receive the Chapter degrees?

It is my decision that any Master Mason in good standing who has lost any of his limbs is entitled to receive the Chapter degrees, provided he can by artificial means perform the requirements of the different degrees.

Oregon, 1922.

Non-Affiliation in Lodge.—If a member of a Chapter shall become a non-affiliate Mason and voluntarily remain so for twelve months, he shall forfeit his privileges as a Royal Arch Mason.

Missouri, 1922.

A Chapter Mason who has been demitted from a Master Mason's Lodge for a period of more than one year, is automatically dropped from the roll of membership of the Chapter to which he belongs; provided he has not, within twelve months from the date of his demit, petitioned for membership in a Master Mason's Lodge. Restoration to membership in the Chapter automatically follows his election to membership in a Master Mason's Lodge evidenced by the filing of a proper certificate of said membership in the Chapter.

West Virginia, 1921.

In reply to an inquiry from Jackson Chapter No. 32, I ruled that no dispensation is necessary for a Chapter to hold a public installation of its officers.

Florida, 1922.

When the charter list of Trenton, also of River Rouge, were filed for dispensation, I found one or two names appearing on each for charter membership who submitted dimits from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. These I ordered stricken off because of the severance of reciprocal fraternal relations with the said Grand body and the General Grand Chapter of United States of America, and further ruled that these companions could not be admitted even to sit in a chapter so long as the reciprocal relations between the two jurisdictions above named remain severed. This decision to be applicable to all chapters until the restoration of fraternal amity.

Michigan, 1922.

Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter must select his mark and record the same in a book of Marks kept by the Chapter for that purpose, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason shall not be conferred upon any brother until he shall have thus selected and recorded his Mark.

Tennessee, 1922.

Suspension and Expulsion by Lodge.—When a member of a Lodge has been suspended or expelled, such member shall not be permitted to receive any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry during such suspension or expulsion; and if a member of a Chapter shall be suspended or expelled by a Lodge, he is thereby excluded from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry during such suspension or expulsion.

Tennessee, 1922.

Ballot.—It is contrary to the landmarks to excuse a member from voting upon a petition for the degrees.

The ballot should be secret. No inquiry should be allowed as to who cast a black ball, and no inquiry can be made as to the motive which induced a Companion to cast a black ball.

When a ballot for degrees has commenced, it should be concluded, and the result declared without postponement.

A Companion who exposes his ballot, or reveals the nature of his vote, should be disciplined therefor.

Tennessee.

We, the Board of Custodians, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest pertaining to the examination of High Priests prior to installation, report:

We have considered the portion of the address referred to us and recommend: That hereafter the High Priest of the constituent Chapters shall be required to pass an examination prior to installation in

the Capitular Ritualistic Degrees satisfactory to the Grand Lecturer or his deputy, who shall issue his certificate in writing, in substantially the following manner:

"To Whom this May Come:

This is to certify that I have examined Companion.....
of.....Chapter No.....of.....
Utah, as to his proficiency in conferring the Capitular Degrees and
find him qualified, in my opinion, for installation to the office of High
Priest.

Dated.....

.....
Title."

The certificate shall be delivered to the installing officer and its
procurement is a necessary precedent to installation.

Utah, 1922.

Existing membership in this Jurisdiction, of petitioners for a
dispensation to form a new Chapter, shall remain in abeyance during
the period of dispensation. When a Charter follows membership shall
cease in the old and begin in the new Chapter, or, it may be retained in
the old chapter at the option of the petitioner. If no Charter is granted
membership is undisturbed in the old Chapter.

Utah, 1922.

DEGREES, ETC.

A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular Convo-
cation of the Chapter, and if received, shall be referred to a committee
of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted
upon at the same meeting in the discretion of the Chapter, but no
such petition shall be received from any person who has not been a
Master Mason for at least six months, and who is not a member of a
Lodge in good standing.

Florida, 1922.

A Chapter has the right to demand of an unaffiliated Royal Arch
Mason residing in its territorial jurisdiction, the surrender or destruc-
tion of an alleged exposition of the Capitular degrees or an unauthorized
ritual of said degrees in his possession, and upon refusal to surrender
or destroy the same on demand, may prefer charges against him and
put him on trial for unmasonic conduct.

Arkansas, 1920.

Indiana is a very fertile field for workers in Capitular Masonry.
But 28 per cent. of the Lodge members of this State are members of the
Chapter. By united and earnest effort on the part of Chapter members
throughout the State, there is no reason why the membership should
not be doubled within a very few years.

Indiana, 1922.

Only Two Degrees Conferred at One Meeting.

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, moved, and it was seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and unanimously

Resolved—That the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by adding the following section:

- 230 (a) No more than two degrees shall be conferred upon a candidate at any one meeting of a Chapter, and no other degree shall be conferred with the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, except in case or cases of emergent necessity, for which a dispensation shall be obtained from the Grand Z. before the degrees are conferred.

Canada, 1922.

DE MOLAY MOVEMENT

A motion was made by Companion George W. Hunt that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the funds of the Grand Chapter for the DeMolay Movement.

Motion carried.

Wisconsin, 1922.

Companion James L. Michie proposed the following recommendation, which was adopted:

Whereas: The Order of DeMolay for Boys has come to the favorable attention of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina, and

Whereas, Although the Order of DeMolay for Boys is not Masonic it has close and binding Masonic affiliations, witnessed by the fact that no Chapter can be instituted nor do work except under the patronage of a regularly constituted Masonic body; and

Whereas, Since the ideals and ritual inspire high moral conduct, promote genuine patriotism and inculcate love of home and loyalty to the public schools, it is the belief of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina that sons of Masons and their chums will derive great and lasting good from membership in this Order; and

Whereas, The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, at its 38th Triennial Convocation at Asheville, North Carolina, last September, went on record as urging "the various Grand Chapters to suggest that their constituent Chapters foster the movement in their various Grand Jurisdictions":

Be It Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina in Annual Convocation assembled does hereby endorse the Order of DeMolay for Boys, believing it to be a mighty force for the making of our young men—clean, upright and loyal American citizens

And Be It Resolved, That each Subordinate Chapter be urged to promote and sponsor a Chapter of the Order of DeMolay for Boys whenever possible.

South Carolina, 1922.

The suggestion made in the Address of the Grand High Priest, in reference to the Order of DeMolay was considered, and it was agreed,

That the Grand Chapter gives assent to the organizing of Chapters of the Order of DeMolay and recommends that its subordinate Chapters assume the supervision of such DeMolay Chapters in their respective territories.

Maryland, 1921.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred that part of the Grand High Priest's address relating to his decision that, for the present, the Order of De Molay was not recognized as a Masonic organization, entitled to be sponsored by or to hold meetings in Chapter rooms, begs to report that his said decision is in harmony with the law of our Grand Lodge, which permits "no organization not recognized by the Grand Lodge as a Masonic organization, except the Order of the Eastern Star, to use or occupy for its business meetings, ritualistic ceremonies or accompanying social functions, any of the Masonic quarters over which the Lodge has jurisdiction or supervision," and to this law our Chapters are amenable. In accordance therewith it is permissible for a Chapter to sponsor DeMolay Chapters, but outside quarters must be provided for their meetings. The decision is therefore approved.

Indiana, 1922.

If I Were Sending My Boy Afar.

If I were sending my boy afar
 To live and labor where strangers are,
 I should hold him close till the time to go
 Telling him things he ought to know;
 I should whisper counsel and caution wise,
 Hinting of dangers which might arise,
 And tell him the things I have learned from life.
 Of its bitter pain and its cruel strife,
 And the sore temptations which men beset,
 And then add this: "Boy, don't forget
 When your strength gives out and your hope grows dim,
 Your father will help if you'll come to him."

If I were sending a boy away,
 I should hold him close on the parting day
 And give him my trust. Through thick and thin,
 I should tell him I counted on him to win,
 To keep his word at whatever cost,
 To play the man though his fight be lost.
 But beyond all that I should whisper low;
 "If trouble comes, let your father know;
 Come to him, son, as you used to do
 When you were little—he'll see you through.

I am trusting you in a distant land,
 You trust your father to understand.
 Trust me wherever you chance to be,
 Know there is nothing to hide from me,
 Tell me it all your tale of woe,
 The sting of failure that hurts you so,
 Never, whatever your plight may be,
 Think of something to hide from me;
 Come to me first in your hour of need,
 Come though you know that my heart will bleed!
 Boy, when the shadows of trouble fall,
 Come to your father first of all."

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Michigan, 1922.

The following resolution concerning the Order of DeMolay was introduced and adopted:

"Whereas, the degrees of the Order of DeMolay were exemplified before the Grand Chapter on Monday evening, January 23rd, by the boys of the Memphis Chapter and made a deep and lasting impression upon all who were fortunate enough to witness the exemplification, therefore,

"Be it resolved, that the Grand High Priest be thanked for the arrangements made by him for the exemplification of said degrees, and that each and every one of the boys and Companion T. P. Spence be extended the thanks and congratulations of this Grand Chapter for the excellent manner in which the work was done.

"Be it further resolved that this Grand Chapter endorse the Order of DeMolay for boys, and recommend to its Constituent Chapters the serious consideration of inaugurating the movement in their jurisdiction."

Tennessee, 1922.

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Your Jurisprudence Committee to whom was referred the protest of Lemmon Commandery against the practice of holding Chapter meetings on the Sabbath, would respectfully report that such a practice is absolutely opposed to Masonic principles and should not be tolerated in Capitular Masonry, and we recommend that this be made a part of the written laws of this Grand Chapter.

South Dakota, 1922.

That it is illegal and improper to confer any of the Capitular degrees on Sunday.

Arizona, 1922.

EDUCATION

A resolution as follows was adopted indorsing the Towner-Sterling Educational Bill now pending in Congress:

"Your Committee on Resolutions feel that, individually and officially, the General Grand Chapter heartily endorses any movement to

reduce illiteracy and to foster education, and we therefore recommend the approval by this Grand Chapter of the words of the General High Priest relative to Towner-Sterling Bill, and that the General Grand Chapter go on record as approving the same as now written."

New Mexico, 1922.

Newspaper Publicity

Your Committee feels strongly that the publication in newspapers of matters which should not be mentioned outside the Chapter Rooms is a great and growing evil which Grand Superintendents should strongly discourage.

Canada, 1922.

I, therefore, recommend that each Constituent Chapter be required to hold four meetings a year, when all resident members shall be notified, and put on an educational program, pertaining to ritual and symbolization of the several degrees, interpreting the meaning as they may apply to each individual member; and that the Chapters be required to show on their returns to this Grand Chapter the dates on which these meetings were held; and that this Grand Chapter fix an adequate punishment for Chapters that fail to comply with this recommendation.

We concur in the recommendation of the Committee on Education that each Constituent Chapter be required to hold at least one meeting each year devoted to the cause of education, and that the annual Returns indicate the time and nature of such meeting.

Tennessee, 1922.

The Royal Arch Chapter is essentially a Masonic teaching body. In the Mark Master Degree the Companion presents perfect work, his life and knowledge; in the Past Master Degree as the result he is given authority to rule and govern; in the Most Excellent Master instructed to teach Masonic knowledge to lesser informed brothers; and as a result of his faithful performance of these duties in the Royal Arch he is rewarded by having his knowledge and understanding of Chapter truths filled and rounded out.

If Masonry needs anything today, that need is education. Our Lodges are making Masons so rapidly that little opportunity is afforded for educational work. A certain amount of educational work is being attempted but it seems to us that this attempt needs amplification.

The Royal Arch being essentially a teaching body ought to do something to fulfil the need. It is suggested that we start a sort of extension course. Have courses given in subjects touching Masonic fundamentals, for instance, Masonic History, Jurisprudence, etc. Make the courses definite and take up the subjects in a serious manner. Choose a man capable of presenting the subject well, have him outline the course, choose a text-book and make this series of ten lessons more than simply a lecture course. When the course is completed have a regular examination and to those who pass have the Grand Chapter present a certificate or diploma.

These courses could be given in the centers like Ogden, Salt Lake and Provo, and it is believed that a sufficient number of Masons would be interested enough in education to accept the opportunity of furthering their knowledge, especially as the courses should be open to all Masons whether members of the Royal Arch or not.

Utah, 1922.

Instructions Relative to the Ritualistic Work

I believe that this is a vital point, and I find it almost universally neglected. I have not visited any Chapter which makes any pretense of teaching its candidates the lectures of the degrees, neither have I heard of any that do so, within this Jurisdiction. The result is that unless the member is or has recently been actively engaged in conferring the degrees, he is woefully ignorant concerning the fundamental knowledge of them, and that he is as a rule reluctant to visit where he must meet with a committee for examination. Also it seems to be a fact that should a visitor appear for examination the High Priest must exercise great care in the choice of committee, for the majority of the members present would not be qualified to conduct the same.

This condition is almost entirely lacking in the Blue Lodge, due to the fact that the candidates must pass examination for proficiency before advancement, and must learn the Third Degree lecture within a stated time limit, and some such rule might be of great value to Capitular Masonry. The present lectures are, I believe, too long, but they could be cut down to a point in which the essence of the work will still remain, and then a ruling, made that the candidate should learn them, either before advancement or within a stated time after receiving the Royal Arch Degree. In the meantime I have urged the Chapters to form Lodges of Instruction at times when they conveniently could, and teach the members the fundamentals of the several degrees. This recommendation for curtailing the length of the lectures has been advocated by Past Grand Lecturer George B. Clark.

It would also seem that a Chapter might spend some of its time very profitably in holding Lodge of instruction relative to the historical and symbolic phases of the degrees. Capitular Masonry is exceedingly rich in these references and teachings, and they should be brought out more strongly so that our newly exalted Companions and other members of the Chapter may have a greater appreciation of this branch of Masonry.

As these degrees are in a sense educational, and as they are supposed to broaden our Masonic outlook and enable us to dispense light and knowledge to the uninformed Mason, it should be our duty to see that our members are really qualified teachers in the art.

Grand High Priest, Colorado, 1922.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

In regard to the appointment of a representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland your committee find that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland is a regular and duly constituted Grand Chapter and that the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin has been living on terms of amity and friendship with them for many years. We do not feel that it is wise to sever such relationship because of difficulties existing between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America. The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin is supreme and under section 8 of Article III of the Constitution the Grand High Priest is empowered to issue commissions to representatives of this Grand Chapter near the East of other Grand Chapters. We see no reason why the Grand High Priest should not issue such a commission for a representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Wisconsin, 1922.

Grand Representatives and Fraternal Correspondence.

I would suggest to the Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions the privilege and obligation of keeping in touch with the Grand Chapter to which they are accredited. I would urge all Companions to read the Fraternal Correspondence, which covers the broad field of our endeavor and acquaint themselves with the diverse points of view of Masonic problems which are there presented. The study of these reports makes the well-informed Mason, in fact it is a liberal education.

*Grand High Priest,
New Hampshire, 1921*

M.E. Warren B. Ellis, for the committee to consider the subject of Grand Representation, after referring to the reasons that led to the adoption of the system in this Grand Chapter in 1874, expressed the opinion that it was an effort to bring the different Grand Bodies into a closer union and fellowship and encourage a more kindly interest and spirit of brotherhood among the members of the great Masonic family, saying, "This influence is of value. The world is waking to a need of a spirit of brotherhood, and every influence that tends to bring men into harmonious relations should be encouraged. We consider Grand Representation between Masonic Grand Bodies one of those influences, and therefore recommend that no action be taken to interrupt its continuance."

Accepted.

Massachusetts, 1921.

We believe that Representatives should represent, and the recommendation that delinquent Grand Representatives who, by their persistent indifference, neglect the performance of the duties of this important office, be replaced by Companions who will exhibit deeper interest in the welfare of our institution, calls forth our heartiest approval. The zealous Grand Representative faithfully attending to the duties of that office performs a Masonic duty and service of inestimable value, not alone to our own body, but also to the Grand Jurisdiction he has the distinguished honor to represent.

New Jersey, 1922.

GRAND Z. OF ALBERTA INSTALLED

At the special request of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, through their Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, M. Ex. Comp. Hiram Darling was installed as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. Ex. Comp. Hiram Darling said: M. Ex. Grand First Principal and Companions: Permit me to thank you for the honour you have done the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and me, in this gracious and fraternal service today. There is no place, outside the Grand Chapter of Alberta, that could make the benefit of installation so fraternally expressive, as at the Altar of, and by the hands of, this Grand Chapter of Canada, for it is our parent body.

In extending to you, Companions, words of gratitude for this cordial assistance to our Grand Chapter, I am sure I but express the sense of obligation of every Companion of our Grand Chapter. I, of them all, am most your debtor.

"There's a money of the soul my friends, you'll find, in after years, Its pennies are the sweat-drops, and its dollars are the tears; And LOVE is the redeeming gold, which measures what they're worth. You'll get as much in Heaven as you've measured out on earth."

You have manifested again here, today, a wealth of that "Redeeming gold" of Masonic Charity, of loving service, of real fraternity, which is conspicuous by its absence, among men and nations, today. This old world is weary, sick, literally staggering today, because of the very limited expressions of real "Fraternity," of real service. Instead of co-operation, nationally, internationally, or individually, we have had divisions, strifes and wars; fence-building of different kinds; are having these things urged right now, until the stress is well nigh unbearable. My poor opinion is the last one I would place before you.

What I have just said is the growing, spreading convictions, of our ablest, most far-seeing, and most thoughtful men, everywhere today. More and more one sees this idea voiced in printed and spoken form, that "Peace in any and every way, and everywhere, can come only when men recognize, and follow, those so long known, but so little-understood words: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." This principle is now basic, how under, and over all, and through all,—every duty, every relationship, every effort, and every activity of men, no matter how great or how small—this principle obtains, always did obtain, and always will. Men and nations always have, and always will, suffered and suffer, when they resort to "Might and power." In accepting and acting upon this principle of co-operation, voiced by the Prince of "Brothers," men will but enlarge upon, and extend, the "Companionship," the "Fraternity," of man, and the "Fatherhood of God," taught at the Altar of every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

On behalf of M. Ex. Comp. Norman T. MacLeod, and the other Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, permit me again to express sincere gratitude for this kindly service to them, and to me, today. I assure you, personally, of my own appreciation of your cordial hospitality, your fraternal greeting, and your hand of blessing. I am reminded here of the Trowel, used in the spirit of emulation, to build, and to cement.

Canada, 1922.

HISTORY OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Your Grand Registrar begs to report as follows:

Two years ago, at the request of the Grand First Principal, a letter was sent through the Grand Scribe E to the Scribes E of the Constituent Chapters asking for certain information. This was done with a view to laying a foundation for an historical record of this Grand Chapter. That a beginning was not made any too soon is seen in the fact that a few of the Chapters have not yet sent the required information. The thanks of the Grand Chapter are due to those Constituent Chapters from which replies have been received, and I would humbly urge upon the others the vital necessity of preserving the record of our Grand Chapter intact from the beginning, by giving their prompt assistance in this matter.

Of the Chapters reporting this year, perhaps the most interesting is that of Vancouver No. 2. This Chapter was organized on November 24th, 1888, in the office of Ex. Comp. J. W. Horne, on Cordova Street West, Vancouver. Those present at the meeting were: Isaac Oppenheimer, William Downie, J. W. Horne, D. B. Charleson, W. Craig, P. D. Righter, and R. C. Ferguson. These seven Companions with the Rt. Rev. Bishop Sillitoe and J. J. Gavin were the Charter members. The first three Principals were, I. Oppenheimer, J. W. Horne and W. Downie. The new Chapter was included in the Manitoba District No. 12, G.R.C., the most westerly district in Canada, and which extended from Port Arthur, Ontario, to Vancouver, British Columbia, and contained six Chapters—Port Arthur, Rat Portage, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Boissevain and Vancouver. The Grand Superintendent of the District was R.E. Comp. S. W. Ray, of Port Arthur.

Great were the trials of the new Chapter during the early period of its existence. Nearly all the officers were connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and their duties to that Company took them from the City much of their time. Bishop Sillitoe had his residence in New Westminster, but drove over to Vancouver with a horse and buggy on roads that were not the best in order to attend the meetings of the Chapter. His companionship was most delightful, and the whip was always sent around to inform the members that "the Bishop was over to attend the Chapter." This brought the faithful nine together; and in course of time as the membership increased with the growth of the City, the consistent attention of these pioneers of Capital Masonry in holding the Chapter together was more fully realized.

The Grand Chapter of Canada at its Convocation held in Ottawa in 1893 created the District of British Columbia with R.E. Comp. W. Downie as the first Grand Superintendent. Bishop Sillitoe was appointed Grand Master of the Veils in the same year. At the election of officers for 1895, Comp. H. H. Watson was elected First Principal, and during his term of office brought the Chapter to a high state of efficiency, not only in the rendition of the work but also in the attendance. He afterwards served as Grand Superintendent for British Columbia, was rewarded by the Grand Chapter of Canada with rank of Past Grand Z and took a prominent part in the organization of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, of which he was elected the first Grand First Principal on June 18th, 1919.

British Columbia, 1922.

Law Enforcement

The great World War has left in its wake the usual lack of respect for law and order under the law. Even officers of the law in many instances are aiding and abetting others in holding up to scorn the execution of laws that do not meet with their personal approval. I fear that the great city of Chicago has had a number of things to disgrace her in the years past; but I am persuaded to believe that Chicago has experienced but few, if any, more humiliating experiences than when, on the 11th of last January, a resolution demanding that the City Council favor the enforcement of the Volstead Act, so long as it is a law, was voted down by 47 to 12. Here we see an illustration of the contempt in which certain officers of the law hold a certain law of the land. The people of the United States through their chosen methods and channels adopted the Eighteenth Amendment to the Con-

stitution of the United States, and, subsequent thereto, the people of the United States enacted the Volstead law. If the laws of our country, so solemnly and after full consideration enacted by the people, cannot be enforced, then the end of the Republic is already determined. But the laws, national and state, of this country can be enforced, and will be enforced, by the better element of the people in the fear of God and without fear of man. I here and now declare that any executive, federal or state, should enforce the law or confess his failure and resign his office. It is not for him to ask why, but rather to do or die. In order for law to be truly respected, it must be administered with equal and exact justice to all classes of our citizenship. Favoritism has no place among a free and enlightened people. Without law and order under the law, chaos reigns and the people suffer.

Under the law of trusts we find the trustor who creates the trust, the trustee who administers the trust, the trust to be administered and the beneficiary for whose benefit the trust exists. Usually the trustor, trustee and beneficiary are different persons, things or entities, but in a nation like ours we find that the people are both the trustors and beneficiaries, the officers of the government are the trustees, and the government is the trust. The American people are determined to hold to true account the trustees of the great trust committed to their hands. If the Volstead law, or any other law of the nation, be not what in its totality is for the best interests of the people, such law will be modified or repealed by the people. I appeal to Royal Arch Masons and to Masons generally of California to stand four-square at all times for the enforcement of the law of the land, and to that end to valiantly support and strengthen the hands of the faithful officers and to openly condemn the officers who fail to do their sworn duty. Our beloved country was established by law-abiding citizens, and it must endure by virtue of its law-abiding citizenship. I cannot find fault with the oppressed and persecuted of Europe who, to escape the oppression and persecution of their native land, seek the freedom and the liberty of the American Republic; but, my Companions, the American people in the name of freedom and liberty cannot afford to receive and harbor in this country any man or set of men who come to our shores determined to undermine, overthrow and destroy the freedom and liberty vouchsafed to our people under the law. Such characters, immediately upon their real intent becoming known, should by the force of law be deported to the land of their native soil. Masonry in all its phases has ever stood for law and order, for patriotism, for loyalty to the flag. On the records of King Solomon's Lodge of Poughkeepsie, New York, made in the year 1781, stands the unchanged condemnation of a traitor to the American people: "It is ordered that the name of Benedict Arnold be considered obliterated from the records of this Lodge as a traitor."

I am reminded in this connection of the direful prophecy of Lord McCaulay, as he looked down the years at the great and young western republic. Said he:

"Your Republic will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste in the twentieth century as the Roman Empire was in the fifth century; but your Huns and Vandals will have been engendered within your own institutions."

I cannot go further now than to summon Masons everywhere to their full duty to their God, their country, their families and themselves.

California, 1922.

HORSEPLAY

There is no place in any Masonic ritual for the introduction of a circus or jest at the expense of the candidate. If the clean ceremony of the ritual, which is intended to teach and illustrate great truths, does not appeal to the officers of a chapter, then a mistake has been made in their election.

It has been brought to my attention that in many Grand Jurisdictions, in conferring the degrees of Capitular Masonry, there is often a spirit of cruelty manifested and the degrees are conferred in such a manner as to be painful and humiliating to the candidates. I believe that this General Grand Chapter desires in the most positive manner to express its unqualified disapproval of such practices.

The degrees in all Masonry are intended to elevate the intellectual and moral character of those who take them, and therefore should be conferred in the most dignified manner, and nothing should be said or done which would in the least embarrass, humiliate or be painful to any candidate. We should always remember that the purpose of Masonry is to make a good impression upon the minds of our members and to give them higher ideals and to inspire them to purer and more helpful and nobler lives. Anything which in the least departs from this high standard is un-Masonic, and should be promptly suppressed by the officers of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

New Mexico, 1922.

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter that some of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have departed from the work in conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch degree, by interpolating scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to the candidates, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter sets the seal of its condemnation upon such innovation, and absolutely prohibits the future occurrence under penalty of forfeiture of charter for persistence therein.

Florida.

The work of Capitular Masonry is intended to instil a moral lesson in each Degree. This cannot be done by levity, horseplay or rough handling of a candidate and under no circumstances will it be permitted. The degrees are not conferred for the amusement of the Companions but for the benefit of the candidate. It is my hope that those Companions who now attend for amusement purposes may in time get a true conception of the beauty and dignity of Capitular Masonry and I trust you will eliminate anything and everything of this character that might in any manner detract from the proper impression being made upon the candidate.

Ohio, 1922.

In one of our Chapters, the method of working the Royal Arch degree became so objectionable, that the High Priest forbid any Companion leaving the room when the candidate descended the Arch. This was objected to by some of the Companions, who contended that

the High Priest exceeded his authority, in consequence of which the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved: That the privilege of any Companion of this Chapter to witness in an orderly manner any part of the degrees as conferred therein, shall not be abridged. However, this motion shall not be construed as limiting the prerogatives of the Most Excellent High Priest."

My opinion was asked in regard to the matter, and I rendered the following decision:

In the first place, the fact that any of the Companions should so far forget the object of our Masonic degrees, and allow themselves to participate in any action that could in any way be questioned, was a disgrace for which the Companions should be ashamed.

Secondly: That the Most Excellent High Priest has full authority to prevent the witnessing the descent into the Arch, or any practice, which, in his opinion, is detrimental to the best good of the Chapter, and in violation of the proper solemnity which should be observed.

Lastly: That the resolution was entirely unnecessary and out of order, and the spirit prompting it un-Masonic.

Connecticut, 1922.

LARGE CLASSES

Class Initiations

Acting on the authorization from General Grand High Priest and General Grand Custodian of Work and also General Grand Lecturer, I have granted permission to all Chapters who have requested same, to carry on class initiation. This privilege is found necessary in the large cities and will no doubt be of great value in the future.

North Carolina, 1922.

RESOLVED, First: Each candidate shall receive the first section of the degree of Mark Master separately. All other parts of the degree may be conferred on a plurality of candidates, if desired.

Second: That the degree of Past Master and Most Excellent Master may be conferred on a plurality of candidates, if desired.

Third: That the degree of Royal Arch may be conferred on a plurality of teams of three candidates each, provided the teams are properly prepared, in teams of three, except that part of the work when the * * * word and the G. R. A. W. are communicated."

The above was approved by the General Grand Chapter.

New Mexico, 1922.

27. That ballots on petitions may be taken collectively, and in the event of a negative ballot, each candidate shall be voted upon separately.

Maryland.

**In re Conferring the Royal Arch Degree on More Than One Team
at the Same Time.**

The following resolution was offered by the Grand Lecturer, referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, approved as to form by that Committee, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California approves the interpretation placed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in his address of yesterday, on the word "exaltation" as used in the ritual of this Grand Chapter, to wit: that Most Excellent Masters are exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason at the time the G. R. A. W., and G. and S. N., are communicated to them in the East by the High Priest, King and Scribe, and that the Royal Arch degree may be conferred at one and the same time upon three or any multiple of three Most Excellent Masters, with the one emphatic exception, that the G. R. A. W. and G. and S. N. shall be communicated to only three at one and the same time; provided, the number of candidates shall on no occasion exceed three unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest is first had permitting any multiple of three not exceeding twelve; provided further, that only three can be exalted as herein provided at one and the same time, and that the entire number shall be properly prepared and clothed as required in the ritual, and accompany the Principal Sojourner at all times during the degree, except at exaltation.

Such dispensation shall not be issued for the purpose of rapid advancement or for accommodation merely; but only when the Council of the Chapter in the exercise of sound discretion shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

California, 1922.

PHYSICAL DEFECTS

A letter was submitted from Colonel Farr with regard to the exaltation of Master Masons who during the War had been deprived of their limbs. The Committee had the utmost sympathy with his object in admitting such to further privileges in Masonry, but they were of opinion that the rule has to be that each Chapter must satisfy itself that any Member so proposed for exaltation must be able substantially to satisfy the conditions as to ceremonial, signs, etc.

The point was raised that each case might be referred, when there was any difficulty, to Supreme Chapter, but the Committee were strongly of opinion that this was inexpedient and impossible. They considered that each Chapter must be the judge of how far any Brother Mason concerned could satisfy the necessary condition. They find that there were so many different considerations such as those of blindness, deafness, want of speech, etc., that while they were not averse to the utmost latitude being given consistently with Masonic usage it was quite impossible to lay down a rule.

Scotland, 1922.

It is incompetent for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry on candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to all the requirements of those degrees.

Maryland.

Can or may the G. H. P. grant permission or dispensations to Chapter to confer the degrees upon brethren who have arms cut off, lower limbs off or otherwise maimed?

Answer. The G. H. P. is without authority to grant permits or dispensations or authorize Chapters to receive and confer degrees upon the brethren so maimed or crippled. Rule 20 of the Constitution on page 174 of the Chapter Manual, 1920, makes the subordinate Chapter the judge of the physical deformity and whether the candidate is so physically defective as to prevent him from conforming to the requirements of the several degrees.

Alabama, 1921.

LEGALLY DEAD

When nothing has been known or heard of a life member of a Chapter for a period of more than seven years, the Secretary of the Chapter may report such lost member in the annual returns of the Chapter to Grand Chapter as being "legally dead," relieving the Chapter from further payment of Grand Chapter dues on such lost member: *Provided, however,* that if such lost member is afterwards found to be living he is thereby automatically restored to good standing in the Chapter, which shall then be liable for all Grand Chapter dues then in arrears, and for subsequent years during the life time of the member thus restored to good standing in the Chapter, and while he so remains.

Illinois, 1922.

RAILROADING

In some cases—few, I am happy to state—it was the impression that brethren might be helped in acquiring their chapter degrees to step on to something else, but, by refusing assistance, they are probably learning that the chapter may not be used for that purpose. May we trust that none of the new members has entertained the thought that he would use the chapter as a mere stepping stone to some so-called higher body. One seldom pauses on a step, but goes on with his mind fixed on an ultimate goal, and the mere passing over the step can bring to him nothing but an emptiness, or lack of proper appreciation of the foundation on which he for the moment stands. We want our Capitular Masons to understand that when they symbolically journeyed and engaged in the great and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord, the same marked an epoch in their lives, and that the whole fabric of Royal Arch Masonry is deserving of careful study, analysis and understanding before they should hope to explore new fields. This is their responsibility, and ours to see that they do it. Then, and only then, will the craft approximate its real efficiency, maximum strength, and greatest helpfulness in the world. Let each of us dedicate and devote himself to these undertakings.

District of Columbia, 1922.

BALLOT

This Law distinctly provides that a Candidate for Exaltation who has more than two Black Beans on a Ballot is to be rejected.

In case of a Ballot for Affiliation, Subordinate R.A.C.'s are allowed to make what By-law they please, but if none is made, then the rule is to be as for exaltation.

Now the meaning of Rule 44 I take to be—that if a Candidate receive TWO Black Beans on Ballot for exaltation, he is admitted. If he gets THREE (more than two) he is rejected.

In the By-Laws of the 16 Chapters referred to, some make One Black Bean to reject. Others reject if there are two. Whilst one Chapter admits a candidate for exaltation unless one black bean appears in every seven.

The most extraordinary part of this is the fact that all these several sets of By-Laws bear the imprimatur of the then Grand Registrar of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.

I venture to suggest that, presuming my reading of Law 44 is correct, some more simple phraseology should be substituted, such as "A candidate for Exaltation shall not be rejected unless three or more Black Beans are cast against him on the Ballot."

Ireland, 1922.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK

Without wishing to appear tedious, may we again impress upon newly-installed Principals of Chapters the necessity of conformity to the Ritual prescribed and issued by Grand Chapter for the ceremony of Exaltation? Covering a period of many years, Grand Chapter has on various occasions expressed its opinion on this subject in no uncertain manner, and at our last convocation this was again manifested. Before our year closes we desire that all new Chapters will have freely and voluntarily expressed their intention in this direction, so that our successor may feel that he is ruling over an absolutely united body.

Victoria, 1920.

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To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—one copy to be retained by the Scribe E and one by each of the three Principals.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. (See Clause 59A—Constitution.)

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions suspended *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*

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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

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Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. W. J. Haynes**.....**Grand Registrar**
Sedgewick, Alberta
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The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on Wednesday, the 12th day of March, 1924, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
